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Roscoe B Batchelder
Town Clerk

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At a general Town Meeting – June 2 – 1687 for the preventing of controversias between the town and particular persons about grants of land lying within the limits of said town and for the confirmation of every man in his possessions and proporty the town does make choice of Liet. William Fiske Charles Gott Sargent Walter Fairfield Thomas Patch and Thomas Fiske —— to be a committee fully empowered or the major part of them to take a survey of all lands granted by or lying within our town and the said grants and possessions with the bounds thereof which said committee or the major part of them shall allow of and make an entree thereof in the town's book of records to the possesor being the proper owner with the quantity and bounds thereoff all such lands so allowed and entered as af forsaid shall be accounted good and lawfull tittle to them and their heirs forever.

The bounds of Nathaniel Waldron's House lot the marks are as follows — 1st a stake and heap of stones being the northeasterly corner nigh by land sometime in the possesion of Richard Hull and from thence northerly to a red Oak which stands in the fence and from thence westerly to a walnut standing at the gap and from thence turning Easterly to a broken top red oak till it comes within one furlough and two polls of said Oak thence turning a little southerly towards said Oak thence two polls northward and from thence turning southerly to the first bounds –

Thomas Fisk
Charles Gott
William Fisk
Thomas Patch

The bounds of about ten acres of land which the above Nathaniel Waldron bought of John Abbot, which said Abbot had granted of the town lying on the north side of the above and is bounded as follows, The Easterly corner of joining his twenty polls of land which his house stands on which is a stake and heap of stones and from thence southerly to a large walnut tree marked on four sides,

from thence turning North easterly as the fence now stands about twenty polls and thence turning easterly as the fence stands, thence to an Oak tree marked on four sides being A cornor bounds, thence turning northerly by the fence to a stake and heap of stones and from thence northerly along in the line between him and Richard Dodge – it cometh to a great maple marked standing in the Ipswich line being also a corner bounds and thence turning Southerly along by and as the bounds of the tuenty acres of land next adjoining which tuenty acres belongeth to the sucessors of John White until it cometh to meet a line drawn along by the side of John Deniss his tuenty polls of land aforesaid the said line being extended to the line of the aforsaid tuenty acres, thence turning easterly along in said line untill it comes to the boundaries mentioned

Thomas Fisk Jun–
William Fisk
Thomas Patch.

The bounds of Samuel and Thomas Kimballs farm on which their house standeth on 21st day of March 1678/9, we whose names are under written, being desired by Samuel Kimball and Thomas his brother to measure their farme on wich their house stands and state the bounds therof, which we did as follows — On the South side a white Oak tree, standeth at the Southeast corner of their fence to the meadow called Mr. Fisk's and so to a white Oak before their house, which trees are both marked, from thence to a heap of stones lying in the fence near the meadow called the home meadow, and so to the fence on the west, Samuel & Thomas Kimball from the heap of stones by the fence side to an oak tree marked which joineth to the land called wildman's near the little pine swamp on the north, from thence to an oak tree by the swamp side, marked – and from thence to a little Oak marked at the corner of the swamp's most easterly bounds, and from thence going as the swamp goeth untill you come to a bound tree marked, which is either a red or black Oak tree, and standeth near to John Perkins

his land, and from thence on said line to a little white Oak marked near the side of the pond, and so to the white oak tree first mentioned at the south east corner of their farm, which bounds we have renewed and made for the above Kimball by virtue of a town order made in January 1678 –

and the subscribers being appointed by the Selectmen to renew the bounds between the town's common and Samuel and Thomas Kimballs Land we have accordingly renewed the several bounds as above mentioned this 14th of March 1691-2 witness John Porter our hand

Walter Fairfield
Charles Gott
John Batchelder
William Fiske
John Newman } Selectmen

In persuance of an agreement bearing date June 14 – 1689 with relation to setting of convenient highways at the westerly end of said town of Wenham through the several proprietarys we have agreed this 21st of June Instant as follows that it shall be a convenient highway for carting & viz. beginning at the Beverly line by land of Epheriam Kimball and so to go along to goodman Sewards house as the way now goeth except the propritors shall make the said way to be better and more convenient by removing the same. And then from said Sewards house upon a gore– between a black Oak tree and a great white Oak Stump marked and standing near by line between the land of Samuel Fisk and Taylor Fisk and land of the heirs of E/M Alpheuis Newman late of said Wenham deceased and from thence to go down the hill to the great road going down into the town as the way now goeth till it comes to the land of Samuel Moulton adjoining to his house,

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And for the way to go to the causeway to go from the Black Oak tree and white Oak Stump to a heap of stones in the lane by said Taylors Fisks house about six rods to the corner of William Fairfields fence, from thence to go on a line to a stake standing in the fence between William Fairfields land and the land now in the possesion

of Taylor Fisk and from thence turning westerly to go on a line to the corner bounds between the land of W^{m} Samuel & Taylor Fisk and so to go to the causeway as the way now goith and has formally gone.

And for the way to Salem Village from said Taylor Fisks house it shall begin at a heap of stones in the lane aforsaid and so to run along as the lane now goith taking so much of said Taylor Fisks field as may make the way convenient. And so to go along by W^{m} Fairfields fence as now it standeth till cometh to a great white oak being the corner bounds of said W^{m} Fairfield land and from the said White Oak to go as the way now goith untill it cometh to goodman Leaches line. And in case any one who is a propritor shall make any allteration of any of said ways it shall be removed where it may be more convenient which shall be regulated by the judgment of a majority of the propritors as witness our hands as hereunto subscribed this 21st day of june 1689

William Fairfield	Charles Gott
John Seward	James Moulton 2^{d}
John Leach	William Fisk
	John Newman
	Thomas Kimball
	Thomas Kimball

The above with what is on the other side embodies (except the preface) a true coppy of the original agreement which was Submitted and made by the propritors to have entered in the towns books as witness my hand.

John Newman

That the aforsaid entre is a true coppy of the original agreement made by the propritors as Witness

Thomas Fisk Recorder

At a meeting of the Selectmen June 21st 1689– in refference to laying out town highways in the west of said town having allso obtained a writing with several of the inhabitants, propritors of the land and having left the matter to them to effect, who then jointly and unanimously agreed and made a written covanent which was

by their agreement to be entered into the towns books as follows ☞ (together with an agreement allready by them made)

We whose names are herunto subscribed being met together this 14th day of June Anno Domino 1689 with relation to setting and staking of convenient ways through our several propritories being at the westerly End of the town of Wenham begining at Samuel Moultons land adjoining to his house we having agreed and made a vote that the said way shall be appointed and regulated by a majority of us the subscribers. Viz. to the great Meadows by the causeway and Beverly by land of Ephraim Kimball and allso as far as said line shall go towards Salem village when it may be made without legal damage to the propritors and we having mutually agreed to meet together the 21st day in order to the completing of the same as within we do conclude that it shall be conformed and finished by a majoritv of the Subscribers that shall appear as within

John Batchelder his	Samuel Fisk	Thomas Fisk jun
Samuel O Moulton mark	Walter Fairfield	Thomas Kimball
John Seward	Ephraim Kimball	Thomas Billings
William Fairfield	Caleb Kimball	John Batchelder
John Newman	John Leach	James Friend
Charles Gott	James Moulton	

At a town meeting March 1st 1691-2 voted that John Coys shall have and hold in fee simple that twenty five acres of land which his house stands on together with a strip of upland lying between his fence and the path which goith to Turnup Swamp, and that strip to be made up of six acres in said swamp to him and his heirs forever upon condition that he pay the town thirteen pounds silver money forth with and twelve pounds more in the same specia on or before the first day of March next ensueing.

March 8, 1691-2 Then paid by John Coys thirteen pound silver money to the constable according to an order

made by the town March 1st of the said thirteen pounds the Selectmen received three pounds to purchase ammunition Allso April 24th 1693 John Coys then paid to the Selectmen eight pounds and two shillings for the towns use —

At a general Town meeting April 12th 1692 The town by their vote declared their consent that the lease of the towns land which the Selectmen made with Thomas Patch Josiah Dodge and Nathaniel Waldron dated March 14th 1691/2 should be made void and the above Thomas Patch Josiah Dodge and Nathaniel Waldron did then consent to make void said lease upon condition that they be reimbursed again what they have expended in care about said land, and hereunto set their names —

Thomas Patch
To which condition the Town consented Josiah Dodge
Nathaniel Waldron.

Also voted that Walter Fairfield Thomas Patch and Thomas Fisk are fully empowered as attorneys for the town in their name, and for their use to appear in any of their Magistrays Courts to sue and prosecute against Jonathan Hobbs for that said Hobbs have taken into his improvident a parcel of the towns Common in a place called the Neck lying within the township of Wenham the said Parcel of land contains 24 acres or thereabouts be it more or less and allso to defend in any court as aforesaid and allso to use any other lawfull demands thereby to recover the towns right in said land out of said Hobbs his possession or improvement as fully and amply as the town in general any way can do ratifying & confirming what the above attornies shall lawfully do or cause to be done in and about the premises.

Dec. 8th 1692 – John Coy then paid 3 pounds silver money by order of the town Oct. 5th Instant for the use of Isgn Fairfield for his services at general court, part of it being allready due and the rest for his services which the town made choice of him to do at the next general court.

This 10th of Oct. 1692 then receuved three pounds in

money of Coperal Fisk which is in consideration for services done for the town and to be done

Walter Fairfield —

At a Town Meeting Jan 1st 1692. Voted that whereas there are several parcells of land (swamp) in the common which are not benificient for the public for herbage it is agreed that such swamp shall be lotted out to every free holder in said town to every man an equal share to be laid out to every person as convenient as may be by the Selectmen Lieut. Charles Gott and Thomas Patch. Allso voted that John Waldron and Zacheus Goldsmith shall have their lotts in said swamp with the freeholders—

Thomas Fiske jun his bounds of thirteen acres of land are as follows. beginning at the ash tree, which is the northeast corner of his farm which he bought of E/M Newman and from thence to Walter Fairfields corner and so taking said Fairfields bounds and E/M Newmans bounds 127 polls or there about from the aforsaid ash tree to a heap of stones near E/M Newmans head line and from thence turning northerly crossing a strip of the Swamp about 22 poles to an ash tree marked on four sides being the north east corner of said land from thence turning westerly to another ash tree marked on four sides standing at the point of the upland and from thence on road toward the great meadow crossing a strip of swamp to another ash tree marked on four sides standing at another point of upland and from thence as the upland goeth to the great meadow and so taking the edge of the meadow till it comes to the corner bounds first mentioned and allowed April 27th 1693

Thomas Fisk
William Fiske
Charles Gott —

Attest Thomas Fisk Town Clerk —

Dec. 23rd 1693. John Coy having paid to the Selectmen several payments in all the full and just sum of five pounds ten shillings money in consideration of a parcel of swamp which the selectmen have sold said Coys according to a town Order 5 acres and ½ acre be the same more or less according to the several bounds hereafter

mentioned . viz beginning at his dam at the southeast end of it and so to a little white Oak marked on two sides about 3 rods from said dam and so to a small red oak marked on two sides and from thence to a birch allso marked and from thence to a white pine allso marked and from thence to a hemlock at the Edge of the swamp marked on four sides for A corner bounds and thence crossing a point of the Swamp to a maple marked on 4 sides standing on the east side of the swamp and from thence to a white oak bush marked on two sides and so to turnup Bridge as the trees are marked on the edge of the upland and to the west end of the bridge which is said Coys bounds of his six acres formerly sold to him by the town.

Jan 1st 1687-8 Lands in the possession of Thomas Patch in his own right being about fifty acres is bounded as follows. first at the northwesterly corner joining land in the possession of Thomas Hobbs with a red oak marked standing in the line between Ipswich and Wenham, and from thence along Easterly by Ipswich line untill it meetith with Richard Dodge his bounds which is a marked maple in the aforesaid line and from thence turning Southerly along by Said Dodge his land untill it meeteth with John Powlands ditch in the meadow and so taking the said ditch for the bounds untill it cometh to a white oak tree marked and from thence southerly along by the ditch untill it cometh to the end of it and so on further about two poles to a stake and heap of stones and from thence turning westerly on a line to a stump standing in the gutter which is in the fence about two poles Northward from William Knowltons house, and from thence a little northerly to a stake and heap of stones which is the abovesaid Patches Northerly corner bounds and thence northerly to the red Oak first mentioned standing in the Ipswich line. the above said Patch allso having about two acres in addition lying on the westerly (side of the above said land and from his westerly corner) in breadth

about ten poles and in length about thirty-two poles according as his fence standeth

Thomas Fisk
allowed by William Fisk
Waltor Fairfield

At a Town Meeting March 4th 1689.90

Voted that E/M Joseph Gerrish and his heirs shall have and enjoy that house and five acres of land be it more or less where he liveth upon the conditions expressed in writing under said E/M Gerrish his and his wifes their hands and seals dated March 1st 1687/8 together with all other lands which they possess in the town right to have and to hold all the above said house and land to the aforesaid Joseph Gerrish and his heirs forever

I do by these presents for myself heirs Executors or assignes forever discharge aquit and exonerate the town of Wenham from any claim by me or mine to be made now or any time forever hereafter for my disbursements on that house and land where I now live and do free and discharge them from due or duties by them to be done in order to their providing me a house and allso engage by these presents, and I nor mine from by or under me shall claim challang or demand by an obligation by said Towne of forty pounds to be paid by them to my widow in case &c and this to stand in force against me and mine forever, in case and on consideration that the inhabitants of said Town of Wenham – – shall quit claim to any right title or grants by themselves made or to be made now or at tyme forever to, part and parcel of lands now in my possession and occupation with the housing fence yard and all and singular the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging whereof I have sett to my hand and seal March 1st 1687

Joseph Gerrish
Anne Gerrish

Copied (verbatim) of the original
under the hands and seals of E/M Joseph Gerrish
and D/M Anna Gerrish
Attest John Newman Town Clerk —

Several lots granted at pleasant pond by John Coys each person under written an acre – Jan. 5th 1693

beginning at the Ipswich line on both sides of the brook not exceeding 13 poles and not under 13 poles where there is ten rods of swamp from the west side of the brook to the upland are as followeth To Sergt Thomas Patch an acre beinning at the Ipswich line at a maple near the brook marked with a Marking Iron from thence upon the Ipswich line southeasterly to another maple marked with a marking Iron about twenty poles and from thence in breadth Southwesterly four poles to a little maple marked on four sides and from thence turning across the brook westerly to a white oak about twenty poles to the maple first mentioned. next to that Waltor Fairfield an acre six poles in breadth lying on both sides of the brook joining to the upland at the westerly End next to Thomas Fisk sergt six poles in breadth lying on both sides of the brook, being bounded by the upland westerly and on the easterly end bounded by a maple tree marked on four sides. next John Dodge jun six poles in breadth allso lying on both sides of the brook bounded by the upland at the westerly end, and at the easterly end by a maple marked on four sides next Josiah Dodge six poles in breadth bounded by a white oak marked on four sides standing upon the upland at the westerly end and at the easterly end by a stake 6 poles in breadth from John Dodge his bounds—

next John Edwards 6 poles in breadth from Josiah Dodge's stake at the easterly End to a maple marked on 4 sides and lying the same length of Josiah Dodges 6 poles from his white oak bounds at the westerly end to a maple marked on four sides

next Benjamin Edwards six poles in breadth from John Edwards to a birch marked on 4 sides standing at the edge of the pond at the westerly end, and at the Easterly end bounded by an old Hemlock marked on 4 sides standing. at the edge of the upland 6 poles in breadth from John Edwards bounds. next Benjamin Edwards in the right of Mordeca Larcom 9 poles in breadth from Ben-

jamin Edwards aforsaid at the Easterly end to a hemlock marked on 4 sides at the edge of the upland and from thence to an angle at the aforsaid birch at the Edge of the pond

next John Barnes from the aforsaid Benjamin Edwards Hemlock at the easterly end about twelve poles to a hemlock marked on 4 sides standing on the upland at the edge of the pond and from thence to a maple marked standing at the edge of the pond about eight rods in breadth from Benjamin Edwards line and from said maple to Benjamin Edwards birch aforsaid

next Benjamin Edwards in the right of John Newman from John Barnes hemlock at the east end to the brook that cometh from Manchester into the pond, taking the brook for his bounds till it cometh to the pond and then by the pond side till he come to John Barns bounds.

Jan 4th 1693 Ensign Walter Fairfield doeth hereby own that he having the day above said, sold and conveyed to Benjamin Edwards of Wenham his acre of Swamp as twas granted and laid out to him said Fairfield by the committee being marked on the other side to have and to hold to him the said Benjamin Edwards and his heirs forever, for which acre of swamp he allso owns himself fully paid according to bargain as witness his hand.

Walter Fairfield.

Attest Thomas Fisk. Town Clerk —

Jan 5– 1698– We whose names are underwritten did then layout town lotts of Swamp — To John Gott Joseph Herrick John Herrick and Thomas Kilham in that swamp which runeth from Goodman Leaches meadow bounded by John Gotts land beginning at a pine stump about 50 poles southerly from said Gotts northerly corner bounds and from said pine stump it runneth 17 poles in breadth to an ash tree marked on four sides and from thence turning northerly to an alder marked on four sides 17 poles southerly from John Gotts corner bounds aforsaid Alls: then laid out four lots more to four several persons viz. Thomas Kimball, Ephraim Kimball Caleb Kimball and Joseph Batchelder the like lots laying on

the southerly side of the aforsaid lott bearing the same breadth and length according to the bounds there marked

Thomas Fisk
William Fisk
Thomas Patch
Samuel Kilham

At a meeting of the committee to grant and lay out swamp according to a town order made formerly Jan 1st 1692 Imprimis Granted one acre of swamp to E/M Gerrish lying east from his two acres formerly laid out to him in the swamp in the neck joining to Goodman Clafflins land on the south End and on Mr. Smiths meadow on the north end, according to the bound marks next to that granted to Nathaniel Waldron. one acre on the south of E/M Gerrish's acre joining to Goodman Clafflins Line on the south end and on the north on E/M Smiths meadow from E/M Gerrish corner to a pine tree marked with S being E/M Smiths corner bounds of his meadow

next granted to John Porter one acre laying east from Nathaniel Waldrons acre and so running to Thomas Whites farm five poles and six feet wide and on the South end the like breadth joining and upon Common next granted to Robert Hibbert one acre of land 5 poles and ten feet wide next Thomas White's farm and the like breadth on the south end joining to common —

next granted to John Abbot one acre on the east side of John Porters five poles and six foot in breadth joining to Thomas White's farm and the like breadth on the south end joining the common.

next granted to Samuel Kilham one acre and one acre more in the right of Lieut Charles Gott which two acres join together lay joining to Thomas Whites farm on the north end from Robert Hibbert's acre to John Dodge his bounds and so taking said Dodges line untill it come to the brook on the northeasterly corner of the two acres and from thence crossing westerly to Robert Hibbert's corner bounds —

Feb. 3d 1703 – Then laid out to Theopholus Fisk one acre more or less to commence at the edge of the great

swamp next his own land 18 poles in length and 10 poles wide on the easterly end next his fathers land and 14 poles northerly laying on an angle and then laid out to Samuel Fisk Sen – one acre of swamp in the swamp adjoining to Leaches meadow adjoining to Thomas Fiske's line 9 poles and at the west end 8 poles and in length 18 poles –

Thomas Fisk
William Fisk
James Friend

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Beverly on 8th day of April 1691 Whereas there was then presented a note to said Selectmen with the name of Capt. Theopholus Fisk subscribed there to said note bearing date 3rd April 1691 whereas it was sighnd to the Selectmen of Beverly that they would send some meet persons with full Power to meet with Wenham men at the house of Lieut John Dodge on tuesday at eight of the clock it being the fourteenth of this instant April to go with them on perambulation bounds between the Town of Wenham and Town of Beverly have desiered and appointed Capt Paul Thorndike Lieut John Dodge Lieut William Dodge Sargent Zachery Herrick E/M Nehemiah Grovier Eben^{r} Woodbury and Robert Brisco with some of the Scholars to go on perambulation of the bounds between said Town of Wenham that doeth appear appointed for that work, said committee respectfully for each town above said do agree. Thomas West by Appointment of the rest of the Selectmen of Beverly to meet with those Gentlemen of Wenham on this 14th day of April 1691 to perambulate bounds between Wenham and Beverly did accordingly meet in order thereunto and by mutual consent renewed a heap of stones with a stake on the north side of longham meadow which heap of stones is agreed to be in the line from a white oak at Alfords hill to a white oak marked formaly at the east End of Pleasant pond, which line is mentioned in the agreement between the above said towns bearing date Oct 22nd 1680 as allso revised the westerly bounds formally stated in pursuance of said agreement

That what is above written is a true Copy or Entree
Attest Thomas Fisk Town Clerk

John Dodge, second
Thomas West
Robert Bradford
Samuel Balch.

An agreement made between us whose names are underwritten in behalf of the towns to which we do belong viz. Beverly & Wenham and we do hereby agree as followeth

That Wenham shall have therein six hundred acres of common land measured out first between Richard Dodge his land and the West end of Pleasant pond to Ipswich line and it is to be bounded on the longham Meadow on the South so far as the said Meadow goeth and from the west end of said Pleasant pond along by the south side of it untill it cometh to the white Oak at the East end therof called Manchester bound and from thence Southeasterly or on a straight line towards Chubbs Creek and so the six hundred acres to be made up at the south east end of said Common as may be most convenient for both parties and the bounds or line between the towns aforesaid are to be as followeth. viz from the White Oak tree on Alford's Hill formally a bound between us, and on a straight line towards the white Oak at the east end of Pleasant pond called Manchester bound untill it meeteth with the aforsaid common and then the bounds of said Common to be said town bounds untill they come to the Manchester bound the aforsaid line to extend from the white Oak on Alford's hill crossed on the contrary point untill it meeteth with the village line and Beverly's right in all common lands or proprietory on north and northwesterly side of said line to belong to Wenham Township, but if the line that goeth Eastward from the White Oak on Alford's hill doeth take into Wenham John Dodge 2nd his house in which he now doeth dwell we have agreed as followeth That the said Dodge with his family shall still belong to the town of Beverly and his successors that shall dwell therein on the condition that the said Dodge and his successors shall be liable to pay all public charges

in and too the town of Wenham or their parts of that, with the persons and moovable Estate that doth belong to said Dodge his dwelling house and shop therin assesed him according to the rate and proportion that the inhabitants of the town of Wenham shall be rated and pay from time to time only the said Dodge shall be freed from the county rates in Wenham to be rated in Beverly for the above said house persons and moveables Estate and the above made agreement shall be and is a final agreement of all differences that ever hath been between us about the bounds of said towns respectfully in confirmation whereof we have hereunto set to our hands this 22nd of October 1680

William Dixey
Samuel Corning 2n
William Dodge
Paul Thorndike
William Raymond
John Dodge
Thomas Fisk
Charles Gott
Walter Fairfield

In pursuance of an agreement between Wenham and Beverly bearing date Oct 22 1680 E/M Thorndike Nehemiah Grover Thomas West and John Dodge being sent with full power from the town of Beverly met with the Selectmen of Wenham some time in the 2d month 1682 to measure out and set the bounds of six hundred acres of common to Wenham according to said agreement did find about three hundred and sixty acres between Richard Dodges farm and the white Oak at the easterly end end of Pleasant pond Ipswich line and the south side of said Pond on the one side and Longham Meadow on the other side and the remainder of the above six hundred acres then made lay Easterly from the above said 360 acres and settled the bounds there unto as followeth viz from the above said white oak at the end of the pond there marked to a white Oak marked W being in or near Manchester line and about twenty poles more than one quarter part of said line from the white oak at the pond to Chubbs Creek which by computation was found to be about one hundred and sixty and nine poles and from said line to

a great white Oak which the above said West claims as his bounds which they marked with a W and from thence to another white oak being said Wests bounds and marked it with a W at the root of which lyeth several great rocks, and from thence southwestardly to said West's corner bounds at the gravel ridge and marked it WW and from thence so on about thirty and three rods to a white oak and heap of stones by it and marked with W and B and from thence turning East to Longham Meadow they marked a Red or black Oak with W and B and set a heap of stones about it and from thence to a little red or black Oak by the edge of the meadow and marked it with W and B and set a heap of stones about it and from thence crossing said Meadow to the upland on that side by Longham Meadow which is the three hundred and sixty acres aforsaid aforsaid. Memorandum that before the sighning hereoff it was agreed as followeth that flaggy Meadow and the Island was not mentioned (2nd) as to the three hundred and sixty acres and the two hundred and forty acres expressed divisions be exactly computed or not we determine not (3rdly) the distance between the white Oak at the East end of the pond and the white Oak marked with W expressed, standing in or near Manchester line, we do not determine that said tree standeth at Exactly such distance or not (4^{thly}) that Ipswich line is the line of said Common from Richard Dodge's farm to the west End of the pond (5^{thly}) the slip of meadow by turnip Swamp included into Wenham by crossing as above was not measured. In witness of what is above written the persons above expressed have hereunto sett their hands —

	Thomas Fisk	John Dodge	
For	Charles Gott	Paul Thorndike	For
Wenham	Waltor Fairfield	Thomas West	Beverly
	John Batchelder	Nehemiah Grover	

We whose names are underwritten being met together by the appointment of Wenham and Beverly to settle the divisional range bounds between said towns according to an agreement made the 22nd of October 1680 between

agents deputed by the said several towns have agreed as followeth viz – we have run the line from Alford's tree mentioned in the aforesaid agreement Estward to the white Oak at the east end of Pleasant pond called Manchester bounds and have settled a bound mark between said towns on the Edge of Wenham Common being a stake with a heap of stones which stake and heap of stones shall be the standing bounds mark between Wenham and Beverly and from Alfords tree aforesaid we have run upon the contrary point according to the aforsaid agreement to a little white Oak tree at or near about the village bound line which we have marked and made a heap of stones to be alloted to the village line in case it standeth not in it otherwise to be the standing bounds between our Towns. Witness our hands this 6th of Nov. 1680

Paul Thorndike
John Dodge
Nehemiah Grover

Thomas Fisk
Waltor Fairfield
Charles Gott
John Batchelder
William Fisk

The above is a true coppy of the original under the hands of the abovesaid persons

As attest John Newman Town Clerk

We whose names are under written being met together to settle the bound line between Salem or the village and Wenham as an end of all claims and controversy between said Towns upon that account have agreed for a full Isue as followth viz to begin at Topsfield bounds at or near the North end of Wenham Causeway at a White oak this marked and sett with stones and so to take the divisional line between E/M Joseph Porter's farm and Wenham mens lands untill it comes to the Estward end of Wenham Causeway aforsaid and from thence to the head or to include John Leaches meadow and so from thence to include all John Leaches farm or land and so from the Eastward part of the said Leaches land to make up two hundred and eighty acres from the Eastward of the Causeway aforsaid to the pine stump at the head of Beverly old line and so onwards on said line untill the afor-

said two hundred and eighty acres be made up to Wenham – In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 20th of February 1681

John Fisk	William Brown – jun
Thomas Fisk	Samuel Gardner Sen
Charles Gott	John Putnam Sen
Thomas Patch	Israel Porter
John Batchelder	Nathaniel Putnam
	Joseph Hutchison
	Daniel Andrew –

The above is a true coppy of the original agreement under the hands of the persons above named –

As attest John Newman Town Clerk

We whose names are underwritten being appointed and met together to set the bounds between Salem and Wenham according to an agreement made the 20th of this Instant have agreed that from the East end of the Causeway mentioned in said agreement to a black Oak at the head of John Leaches meadow which is said to be Daniel Andrews Corner bounds which we marked with S on the one side and W on the other and so on a straight line to the most southerly bounds of John Leaches land to a white Oak which we allso marked with S and W and from thence to the head of the line between Wenham and Beverly to a white oak marked S and W and so on the line between Salem and Beverly if said White Oak stands not short allways provided in case Joseph Herrick hath twenty acres of land laying within Wenham line it shall be still expected to belong to Salem and if any of John Leaches meadow there that shall belong to Wenham and in confirmation thereof we have here unto set our hands this 27th of February 1681

John Fisk	John Putnam Sen
Thomas Fisk	Israel Porter
Charles Gott	Nathaniel Putnam
John Batchelder	Joseph Hutchison
Thomas Patch	Daniel Andrew

The above is a true Coppy of the original under the hands of the persons above named as

Attest John Newman Town Clerk

We whose names are here underwritten being met together on the 17th day of May in the year of our lord 1686 for and in the behalf of our Towns Wenham and Manchester respectfully to settle the bounds of the common land that layeth Eastward of the pond called Pleasant pond and westward of the pine tree which is the corner bounds between Ipswich and Manchester and so straight over to a white oak tree standing in or near to the line from the end of said pond to Chubbs Creek marked with W and we have agreed to begin the divisional line of bounds between us at the said white Oak tree aforsaid which tree is set about with stones and so to run on a straight line to the stump of a great pine tree in or near to Ipswich line called and known by name as Dodge's tree and near about upon a square from the said white Oak at the end of said pond and all that part of said common which layeth Eastward of said line doeth belong to Manchester and that part which layeth westwardly doeth belong to Wenham and this to be a final Settlement of the bounds of said Townships forever as witness our hands the day and year above written

Richard Glutton	John Libby
John Batchelder	Samuel Leach
Walter Fairfield	John Ley

We whose names are underwritten being impowered by our respective towns viz Topsfield and Wenham and met together this 5th day of the third month 1682 to settle a Divisional line between our towns have agreed that from a little tree near Joseph Porters Meadow marked with T and W and set about with a heap of stones and from thence to a clump of Maples marked which stand Northward from the aforsaid and stands by Charles Gott's Meadow and from thence toward the river according as the brook runs untill it cometh to an Island by the edge of the swamp Joining to a piece of meadow called Pigeons meadow and from the west point of said Island by the edge of the meadow untill it comes to the west side of pigion's meadow aforsaid and including said Meadow to Wenham to an Island called Huckleberry Island and

from thence to the east end of said Island including all Walter Fairfield's Meadow to Wenham by a straight line and this agreement to be a full settlement of a divisional line between our towns and in confirmation hereof we have hereunto set our hands –

Thomas Fisk
Walter Fairfield
Charles Gott
Thomas Patch
William Fisk

Thomas Baker
Jacob Towne
John How

At a Town Meeting Oct 17th 1693 Several of the Inhabitants of Topsfield having propounded for an abrasion of that part of the divisional line between Topsfield and our town as was formally stated viz that part from the brook at James Moulton's Island toward E/M Saltonstalls meadow the town have now by their vote empowered E/M John Newman John Perkins & Thomas Kimball to make an abrasion of said part of sd line and they meeting with a committee which Topsfield shall appoint with full power who together shall make and complete the above said abrasion

At a general Town meeting 6th of March 1693 or 4 Lieut Thomas Baker Capt John How & Ensign Jacob Towne are chosen and empowered to settle and run out the line between Wenham and Topsfield and what they do the Town will stand by. Voted Copy Verbatum as it stands in our town records. Attest Ephraim Dorman Town Clerk for Topsfield –

We whose names are hereunto subscribed being appointed by our several Towns to which we belong viz. Topsfield and Wenham with full power to make an abrasion of that part the divisional line between between our Towns from the brook at James Moulton's Iland Toward E/M Saltonstalls Meadow we have agreed as followeth being met together this 7th day of Dec Anno Domi sixteen hundred and ninety four in order to the completing of the same that whereas in an agreement between Topsfield and Wenham pigeon meadow so called was Included to belong to Wenham and the Island commonly called Huckle-

berry or Wenham Island or the greatest part of it was included to belong to Topsfield we have now agreed for an abrasion that the said pigeons Meadow from hence forward shall belong to Topsfield and the Island commonly called Huckleberry or Wenham Island shall from henceforward belong to Wenham and the bounds that are or shall be agreed to be the bounds of pigeons Meadow untill it comes to Beverly Ditch and then said ditch untill it comes to the river shall be the stated bounds between our towns of Topsfield and Wenham and in Witness where of we have hereunto set our hands interchangbly

True copy of	John Nawnan	For	Thomas Baker
the original	John Perkins	Wenham	John How
Attest	Thomas Kimball		For
John Neman			Topsfield
Town Clerk			

At a meeting of the committee Dec 26th 1695 for the setting the bounds of land . they having been upon the place do allow of farmer John Porters bounds of forty acres in the right of Thomas Spooner of forty acres as followeth viz. beginning at the white Oak southerly of Samuel and Taylor's Fisks' house anciently marked on four sides and from thence 74 poles to a white oak marked on four sides and from thence turning Southeasterly 45½ poles or there abouts to a walnut tree marked on four sides and from thence turning Northeasterly to a maple stump and heap of stones 92 poles or thereabouts which is James Friends bounds of forty acres and from thence turning Northwestwardly to the bounds first mentioned 108½ poles or there abouts

Thomas Fisk
William Fisk
Thomas Patch

March 31st 1696

We whose names are under written being appointed by the town to go upon the place and consider Thomas Patch's claim according to bounds Entred in the town

book and to consider his proposition to make some exchange if his bounds were to be allowed

We being upon the place and considering the matter do determine that as a full isue of the matter the bounds at the gutter by Joseph Abby's corner shall be removed to the southwest corner of William Knowltons land and from thence runing upon a line to a fixed rock with a heap of stones. Squaring with John Dodge's corner of his stone wall about three poles northward from it and from thence to Benjamin Edwards his bounds about seven poles southward from the stake and heap of stones on the north side of the lane leading to Richard Dodge's land which is the South Easterly corner of two acres of land which he said Thomas Patch have confirmation of by the town as may appear –

Thomas Fisk
William Fisk
Thomas Patch

We whose names are under written being a committee appointed by the town of Wenham on the one part and John Perkins John Gilbert and Daniel Kilham propritors of that land formally Captain Epps his land on the other part, being met together this eleventh day of. february 1696/7 to settle a divisional line between Wenham and the aforsaid land from the White Oak formally marked by Ipswich and Wenham for a bounds between Ipswich and Wenham standing on the west side of Pleasant Pond near the edge of the great swamp have mutually agreed and settled said line through the great swamp and marked several trees in the line with W and I to the edge of said swamp near the spring that runneth into the river where we allso marked a maple with W and I which line is stated and settled to be a divisional line between the town of Wenham and the Alford's Propritors land which was formally Captain Epps as above said and in confirmation thereof we have hereunto set our hands

Thomas Fisk
Walter Fairfield
James Friend
Samuel Kimball
John Perkins
Daniel Kilham
John Gilbert

At a general Town Meeting of the free holders and Inhabitants of Wenham held by adjournment March 10th 1696-7

The free holders interested by law in town commons do by vote of the major part agree and order as followeth that is to say that the common land belonging to the town shall be divided amongst so many as now are or shall be allowed to have interest or privilege in said common before the making of such division which shall be to every person interested an equal part of the said commons to be made and laid out to every man as shall be most beneficial and convenient for situation equally to be accounted by the quantity and quality of wood and timber growing upon the land which division shall be made by men chosen by the said propritors for that work and in case of dissatisfaction of any or several of the propritors they shall have liberty to challenge an Exchange half of theirs for half of their neighbors which they shall think better Such claim to be made before entry be made in the town book of their bounds and shall be considered and allowed by a committee chosen by the interested to determine with whom such exchange shall be made and so being perfected entry shall be made of the bounds in the town book and to whom it was laid out. which shall be a good title for the appropriating to every such interested person such part as shall be set out to them as above said for the use and improvement of the wood and timber that is grown or ever shall grow upon that land provided allways that no person shall have liberty to sell their share to any person not belonging to said town to be improved by them for their use out of the town nor to appropriate the same by fencing in the same or any part of it or suffer it to be done upon penalty or forfiting their part to the town. The use and benefit of the whole common is agreed upon by the interested to belong to the town for herbage as formally and not to be appropriated by any person or persons

May 23rd 1692 – Know all men by these presents that wheras I Joseph Herrick sen– husbandman of Salem vil-

lage in the county of Essex in New England having a tract of land lying within the limits of Wenham according to a Settlement of the boundline between Salem Village and Wenham and upon the settlement of said line there was twenty acres of my said land which was by said town bounds taken into Wenham reserved to belong to said village but not then determined where said twenty acres should be laid out.

Now know ye that at a meeting with the selectmen of Wenham on the day above said I do hereby determine and agree with said Selectmen that said twenty acres of land reserved as above said shall be along by the side of Wenham common and joining to it from the southwesterly side of my land both Ends to be of an equal breadth and in witness thereof I have here unto set my hand

Joseph Herrick

Witness Thomas Fisk — James Friend |
The mark of — John Neman |Select
Richard O H Glutton — John Porter | men

The above is a true entry of the original agreement and compared on this day March 15th 1716

Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

The original is on file

At a meeting of the Selectmen Dec 26th 1696

Whereas the inhabitants of this town did at a town meeting May 26th 1696 vote that there should be a convenient cart way laid out from the meeting house to the Neck through the land of Joseph Fowler and Zacheus Goldsmith which they bought of the Executors of of E/M Thomas Smith late of Boston deceased as in and by said record more fully appears to pass through gates

The Selectmen have this day agreed with the said Joseph Fowler and Zacheus Goldsmith the proprietors of said land that there should be a convenient cart way for the inhabitants of our Town to pass too and from the Neck over their land where the way hath for many years last passd gone and which way shall still be continued provided the town be at the cost of making and maintaining convenient gates for the ihabitants to pass through

where they are needful the said Fowler and Goldsmith to provide the gates and the town to pay for them which way shall remain as a standing way for the inhabitants Except the proprietors of said land shall see cause to remove said way where it may be as convenient for the said Inhabitants to pas provided said Inhabitants be careful in the passing too and from over said land that they do not damage the said proprietors by leaving open their gates and in confirmation wheroff the said Joseph Fowler & Zacheus Goldsmith do oblidge themselves their heirs and Executors and administrators and in witness whereoff they have hereunto sett their hands the day and year above said

Joseph Fowler –
Zacheus Goldsmith

At a meeting of the Select men March 15 – 1696 Then agreed with John Dodge son of Lieut. John Dodge of Beverly for an accommodation of a convenient highway for our Inhabitants to pass over his said Dodges land in the Neck which he bought of John Fisk and for a full Isue and settlement of the said way the town shall have all the land belonging to said Dodge between the land of John Barr and Samuel Dodge which he bought of John Carpenter untill it comes to the south westerly corner of said Dodges called Carpenters bounds and from said Carpenters bounds so called on a line ten foot southward of a small white Oak tree standing near a little swamp and so along by the side of said swamp three foot from the edge of said swamp till it comes to a cleft rock and so to and old walnut stump and so rounding on the side of the hill untill it comes to a white oak tree standing in said John Dodge's fence and so as the fence now standeth until it cometh to the corner of said Dodge's fence and all the land laying to the southward of said line between that and Goodman Kilham and Goodman Barrs land which said piece of land containeth about six acres and one half to be common land and belong to the town of Wenham and to be free to the inhabitants thereof without any reclaim challeng or demand

of him the said John Dodge his heirs executors administrators and in consideration whereof the town do allow and lay out to Richard Dodge Sen. in the right and assignee of the said John Dodge three acres of land in flaggy meadow plain adjoining to Richard's own land and to make up to said John Dodge full satisfaction for the above said land the selectmen have agreed in behalf of the town that the said Dodge in full satisfaction for the above said shall take in 6 polls of swamp land in width at the westwardly corner of his fence next to John Kilham's land and so to run northwardly on a line to a stake standing by the edge of the brook two poles westward of a stake standing near said Dodg's fence as now it standeth which is a corner bound of an acre of swampy land which was layd out to Samuel Kilham's bound on a line to a beach tree marked standing on the edge of Thomas Whites farm and from thence turning South Easterly to a heap of stones which is a corner bound of Thomas White's farm. This be a final Isue and settlement of the whole matter and in witness whereof the selectmen in behalf of the town on one part and John Dodge for himself and his Executors and administrators mutually set to their hands Allso it is agreed that the said John Dodge shall have the liberty of all the rocks on the land which the town hath of him except so many as shall be needful to be used about making the highway Allso it is agreed that the said six poles in width above mentioned is staked and settled to be and remain as the new fence is now set upon a slant from the corner.

John Dodge

Thomas Patch
John Perkins
John Newman
John Porter
Selectmen

Copied verbatim of the original agreement between John Dodge and the Selectmen of Wenham – under their hands

Attest John Newman
Town Clerk –

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 31st 1697

Being met together in order to laying out of a highway for the Inhabitants of our town to pass over the land of Nathan[iel] Waldron which he bought of Zacheus Goldsmith the which we have performed as followeth viz. beginning at the Southwardly end of a piece of stone wall standing near the Cellar that was formally Richard Goldsmith's late of said Wenham deceased and so going Eastwardly from the end of said stone wall about three feet southward of said cellar to a rock fast in the ground on the top of the hill with some small stones about it and from said rock on a line to the southwardly corner of Josiah Dodge's land which he bought of said Nathaniel Waldron which way is now to be two poles in width southward of the bounds before mentioned and in satisfaction for such way we have agreed that the said Waldron and his heirs and asignees shall have and enjoy all the town's right reserved for a highway in the land that was granted to the said Richard Goldsmith deceased by the town of Wenham between the head of his lott and E/M Brown's meadow so called as by the town record appears. And for a further and better accommodation and enlargment to said way to make it convenient at all times to the subscribers being the selectmen on the one part and Nathaniel Waldron for himself his heirs and asignees on the other part have mutually agreed as followeth, that the town shall have hold use and occupy possess and enjoy forever as their own in fee simple one acre of land lying Joining to the South ward side of the highway before mentioned to be laid out across the lot and to be five poles in width at each end, and to lay all along joining the southwardly side of said two poles wide laid out for the said highway which shall be laid open to the other of the towns common land Joining to it at the Eastwardly and westwardly ends for the town's use and shall so remain from time to time and at all times hereafter without any reclaim or challenge or demand to be had or made thereto or any part thereof by him Nathaniel Waldron his heirs executors administrators or asignees or any other person or persons from by or under them in consideration whereof

and for satisfaction for the same the said Nathaniel Waldron and his heirs and asignees shall have hold and enjoy as their own property and Estate about one hundred and thirty nine poles of low land lying between the land of said Waldron bought of said Zacheus Goldsmith and John Abby being common land belonging to said town and bounded as followeth beginning at the southwardly end of the stone wall before mentioned and so to go on a line to a stake standing in the ground about two poles northward of the highway leading to said Waldron's land bought of said Zacheus Goldsmith and from said stake to go on a line to an oak standing near the foot of the bridge only the said Waldron to allow so much land out of land bought of John Abby laying on the westwardly side of said highway that goeth along from the bridge so as to leave said way to be full two poles in width and this to be a full and final isue and settlement of the highway and Exchange and we have hereunto set our hands the day and year above said

	John Newman	
	John Perkins	Select
Nathaniel Waldron	John Porter	men
	William Fairfield	

At a Town Meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of Wenham assembled Aug 4th 1697

Capt Thomas Fisk chosen Moderator for this meeting.

Voted that the town will make sale of the several parcels of land hereafter mentioned viz – that small strip of land laying between the land of Nathaniel Waldren and Thomas White's land and allso a small strip of land laying by John Dodges land so much as may be for straightening his line from his White Oak tree to the corner of his fence near the grape &c and other small strips of land lying at the northward end of Wenham Causeway and on the northwardly side of the road and the towns part in the Island called Wenham for procuring money for the paying the towns debts.

Voted the town make choice of Sargent Thomas Patch E/M John Newman and Ensign John Porter as a committee fully empowering them or the major part of them

to make sale of any or all of the aforsaid parcels of land in the towns name and the town will ratify and confirm the said sales by them made to any person or persons. We whose names are hereunto subscribed being chosen and appointed by the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Wenham assembled in town meeting Aug 4th (1797?) to make sale of some small strips of common land for the town's use for paying the towns debts. We have accordingly by virtue of said Order for and in consideration of the sum of thirty shillings current and lawful silver monev of New England to the selectmen in hand paid by John Dodge jun of said Wenham this day we have bargained and sold and confirmed to the said John Dodge and his heirs Executors administrators and asignees a small parcel of land in said Wenham in a place called the Neck and adjoining to said Dodge's own land containing about one half acre – be it more or less being all the town's land laying on the southardly side of a line from a white Oak tree being said Dodge's southwardly corner bound of his fifteen acres on a straight line to the corner of said Dodge's fence as now it standeth by the road going over the brook near the Grapevine so-called and all the land between said line and the meadow to belong to said Dodge his heirs executors and asigness forever without any reclaim or challenge from the town and in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this twenty fourth day of August Anno Domi 1697

John Porter Thomas Patch
John Newman

At the adjournment of the General Town Meeting March 2nd 1697-8

Voted that there shall be some piece of our common at the east part of the town sold to procure money to pay Doct Weld and that there shall be three men chosen for a committee who shall have full power to make sale of some land at the East wardly end of our town of the common for the end aforsaid –

Lieut Thomas Fisk Sergt Thomas Patch and Samuel Kemble Senr are Chosen for the committee aforsaid who

have full power to make sale of land as aforsaid on the towns behalf –

To all Christian People to whom this present deed of sale shall come Thomas Patch Sen^{r} Samuel Kemble Sen^{r} and Thomas Fisk Jun all of Wenham in the county of Essex in the province of the Massachusetts bay in New England send Greeting. Know ye that we the said Thomas Patch Samuel Kimble and Thomas Fisk being employed and empowered a committee by the inhabitants of the town of Wenham assembled in Town meeting at the adjournment of the general town meeting on the 2nd day of March anno Domi 1697-8 to make sale of a parcel of common land at the East wardly end of the town of Wenham for procuring money for the towns use for paying the town's debts – We the said Thomas Patch Samuel Kimball and Thomas Fisk by virtue of the power given unto us have and by these presents do in behalf of said town of Wenham for and in consideration of the sum twenty pounds current and lawful silver money of New England to us in hand paid for the towns use before the sealling and delivery of these presents by me John Knowlton of Ipswich Sen^{r} housewright in the county and province aforsaid, as allso upon the said John Knowlton relinquishment and quitting claim for himself his heirs executors and administrators to any right title or interest that he ever had now hath or hereafter might have to a grant or privilege on acc^{t} of land that was granted by said town of Wenham to be let out to Richard Kemble of said Wenham his heirs executors and asignees for the term of one thousand years and which right in said grant of fifty acres the said Kemble hath by deed of sale conveyed and assigned over to said Knowlton his heirs and assignes the receipt of which money together with said Knowlton's relinquishment as aforsaid we the said Patch Kemble and Fisk do acknowledge in behalf of the town as good and sufficient satisfaction and in consideration whereof we have in behalf of said town of Wenham given granted bargained sold alien'd assigned enforsed and conformed and by these presents they do fully clearly and

absolutely give grant bargain sell alien assigne enforce convey and conform unto the said John Knowlton his heirs Executors administrators and assignees forever one piece or parcel of land situated in sd Wenham and laying on the Southwardly side of the divisional line that passeth between Ipswich and Wenham and which said parcel of land containeth about twenty six acres more or less and is butted and bounded as followeth Northwardly by said Ipswich line begining at a small Walnut tree marked on four sides and standing by the edge of Joseph Dodge's meadow and so to go along upon Ipswich line untill it cometh to another walnut tree marked on four sides standing about six poles East ward of a great white Oak tree that is a range bound between Ipswich and Wenham and then turning southwardly to go on a line to another walnut tree marked on four sides and set about with rocks and then turning westwardly to go on a line to a great black Oak tree marked on two sides and from said black Oak tree to go on a line to a rock standing in the ground and being the Southeastward corner bounds of said Knowlton's land which he bought of Thomas Woodward Northwardly by the meadow of Edward Dodge and Joseph Dodge as the meadows goes rounding part of which land said Richard Kemble was in possession of and his dwelling house standeth upon by virtue of a grant of twenty acres from the town of Wenham and which house and land said Kemble hath conveyed to said Knowlton by deed of sale under hand and seal. To have and to hold the said twenty six acres of land more or less above butted and bounded with all and singular the privileges and appurtances to the same belonging or in any wise appurtaining thereto both of fruit trees, woods and underwoods, and all other priviledges there unto belonging to him the said John Knowlton his heirs Executors administrators and assignees for ever and to his and their proper use benefit and behoof forever and the said Thomas Patch Samuel Kemble and Thomas Fisk do in behalf of the town by virtue of the power given unto them covenant promise and grant to and with the said John Knowlton his heirs

Executors and assignees that they have in themselves good right full power and lawful power and lawful authority the same to sell and conform as is above expressed and that by virtue of the power given unto them they will in behalf of the town of Wenham warrant and defend the same to him the said John Knowlton his heirs Executors and asignees forever and in witness whereof – they have in behalf of the said town of Wenham set to their hands and seals this fourth day of April Anno Dom Sixteen hundred and ninety eight 1698

Signed sealed and
delivered in presence
of us— Benjamin Edwards Thomas Patch
his mark the mark of
Richard Γ Kimball Samuel Γ Kemble
John Newman Thomas Fisk jun

March 12th 1703/4

Thomas Kilham of Wenham in the County of Essex do hereby acknowledge – that he hath fully and absolutely sold unto John Gott Joseph Herrick and John Herrick all of Wenham aforsaid all that his acre of swamp land as it was granted and laid out to him and as it stands recorded in the town record of Wenham on the 5th day of January 1698 and in the fifth page of this book to have and to hold to them aforsaid John Gott Joseph Herrick, John Herrick and their heirs forever with all the appurtenances there unto belonging and the aforsaid Thomas Kilham does hereby acknowledge himself fully paid and and satisfied the same according to bargain and in confirmation thereof have hereunto set his hand

Thomas O Kilham
his mark

As attest

Thomas Fiske } Town Clerk

We whose names are hereunto subscribed being chosen and appointed by the free holders and other Inhabitants of Wenham assembled in town meeting Aug 4th 1697 A committee to make sale of some small strips of common land for the towns use for paying the town's debts we

have accordingly by virtue of said order for and in consideration of the sum of three pounds current and lawfull silver money of New England to us in hand paid for the town's use by Thomas Patch Sen^{r} of said Wenham we have bargained sold and alien'd and confirmed and by these presents we do alien assign and confirm unto the said Thomas Patch his heirs Executors and assignees forever on the town's behalf a small strip of common land situated in said Wenham laying between the land of Thomas White and the said Patch's land which he bought of Richard Hutton which said parcel of land containeth about one acre more or less, and is bounded Eastwardly by the land of said Thomas White Southwardly by land of Nathaniel Waldron and westwardly by said Patch's land which he bought of said Hutton according to the several bound marks or stakes being all the towns right of common land common land in that place. to have and to hold the said strip of land as above butted and bounded and quietly to possess and enjoy to him the said Thomas Patch, his heirs Executors administrators and assignees forever without any reclaim challange or demand to be had or made thereunto by the town as witness our hands this fifth day of April Anno Domino six teen hundred and ninety eight – 1698

John Newman
John Porter –

April 7 1698 – There was two pounds fourteen shillings of the above sum of money delivered to Lieut William Fisk for the town's use who was one of the committee appointed to go and treat and agree with Doct Edward Well'd of Salem about the charges which he demands – and recovered judgment for against the Selectmen for what cost was expended about Mercy Fiske the widow while she lay sick and lame – The other six shillings the said John Newman demands for time expended about the measuring the land which was sold to E/M John Knowlton and drawing the deed. recording of it in the town's book and making sale of a strip of land to Serg^{t}

Thomas Patch and making an entree of it in the town book

Jan 1697/8 E/M Thomas Patch Entred upon rent with the town Eight shillings pr acre for eight acres of Town's land.

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 18 1698 for settling of highways —Complaint having been made to us the subscribers that there was several encroachments on the highways in that part of the town called the Neck we went upon the place to the end that we might see to our satisfaction and take effectual care that said highways might be preserved from encroachments they having been formally laid out and omitted to be entered – and we began at the gate of John Dennis house where the highway was formally laid out four poles in width and from thence Easterly the said highway is bounded on the north-easterly side with the twenty poles of land belonging to said Dennis house and by Nathaniel Waldren's land and Benjamin Edwards his land as the fence now standeth to the corner of said Benjamin Edwards near said Waldren's dwelling house and from the Alford's gate the said highway is bounded on the South wardly side with said Waldren's fence untill it comes to corner of his stone wall by his house and from thence turning toward the grist mill The highway is bounded on the south and westwardly sides as the said highway turneth John Barnes fence of his land as now it standeth and it bounded on the south Eastwardly side with John Dodge his fence to the mill river being the highway leading to Beverly and upon the highway leading from the town bridge commonly called Abby's bridge Eastwardly towards the common we did begin to the Southwestward of John Bare's house and we order that, that strip of land which said Bare has taken in with his fence from the highway by setting his fence without the bounds made him when his land was laid out shall be laid open and said highway to be bounded on the South Eastwardly side with the said John Bare his line on the north westwardly side of his land untill it comes to the aforementioned highway lead-

ing to the mill, and said highway is bounded northwestwardly with the lands and bounds of Widdow Edwards – and Nathaniel Waldren to the aforesaid corner of his the said Waldren's stone wall by his house and from thence Easterly to the bridge at the grapevine so called the highway is bounded on the North Easterly side with the fences as now they stand to the said bridge at the grape vine so called and on the southerly side the said highway is bounded as John Dodge's fence now standeth untill it cometh to the brook below the bridge at the grapevine and as said highway was formally laid out. And whereas we find that John Dennis hath within his fence near his house part of that high way adjoining to Nathaniel Waldren's fence on the North Easterly side of said highway we do order that said fence be removed and said land so fenced in to be laid open and we allso finding that Nathaniel Waldren hath taken with his fence part of that highway near his garden we do order that his fence shall be removed to his line and the land so taken in belonging to the higway be laid open. And whereas we find that Thomas Patch hath taken in with his fence near the bridge at the grapevine aforesaid on the Easterly of the said highway a corner of land that is belonging to the highway Thereby where the highway is damaged we order that his fence be removed to the place where the fence fomerly stood and all the aforementioned ways we do agree to settle for town highways and order that they be entered and recorded in the town book by the town Clerk as Witness our our hands

Thomas Fisk } Selectmen
Walter Fairfield }
John Newman }

February 26th 1702/3 We whose names are under written being a committee appointed to examine men's claims and state their bounds between the towns common and their lands – begining at John Leache's farm on the day abovesaid do hereby declare that by a mutual consent between said Leech and ourselves on behalf of the town have agreed as followeth viz from an old stump with a heap of stones about it at the west end of said Leaches

meadow by a clift of rock on a point of upland which stump &c is allso John Gott's range bound and in confirmation thereof we have set to our hands –

Thomas Fisk
James Friend
John Leach William Fisk

Feb 3rd 1703/4 Then laid out to Sargent John Batchelder an acre of Swamp – on the north side of his land according as twas bounded – viz – a stump in his fence marked and a heap of stones at it, and from thence running northwardly about 8 poles to a stake standing in a spring and from thence turning East about 24 poles to a red oak – in his fence marked on four sides.

Also an acre — be it more or less to said John Batchelder in the right of his brother David Batchelder running from — the aforesaid red Oak — marked Easterly to a pine tree and marked it, and so on to a hemlock standing in said John Batchelder's fence and marked on four sides

Allso then laid out to Deacon William Fiske — and to his son Benjamin Fiske two acres of Swamp joining to said Benjamins land — and said Deacons meadow beginning one poll northerly from a white Oak marked on four sides — being a bound between John Batchelder and the above said Deacon Fiske, and from thence northward to a stake and heap of stones, and from thence on to a birch marked standing about ten poles from said Benjamin Fiske's upland, and from said birch to the North east corner of said Deacon Fiske's fence –

Allso laid out to Liut. Thomas Fiske about 120 poles of swamp which was to his content for an acre laying in a course of swamp – joining to his farm – about 33 poles Easterly from Wenham Causeway according the bounds marked – which was little maple marked on four sides near the upland and from thence southwesterly crossing said course about 12 poles to a Red Oak – marked on four sides

Thomas Fisk
William Fisk
James Frend

Att a Town meeting of the free-holders and other inhabitants of Wenham assembled Oct. 29 – 1700 by virtue of a warrant delivered to the constables under the hands of the Selectmen – dated Oct 22 of this Instant– October — Capt. Thomas Fiske was chosen moderator for the meeting –

Voted that whereas at a Town meeting the first of January 1692 it was agreed — that whereas there are several parcels of swamp land — in our common that are not beneficial to the public for Herbage – that such swamps should be allotted out to every free holder – in our town, an equal share, and that John Waldren and Zaccheus Goldsmith should have an equal share in such swamps – with any of the freeholders – and the committee appointed for the laying out of such swamps – have laid out to several persons in our town, their several shares by proportioning about an acre to a lot and there is many persons in our town, who have not yet had their divisions – It is therefore ordered that such persons, to whom such right belongs, that live Eastward of great pond brook with John Waldren to have their part laid out in that part of the common, between the said great pond brook – and John Coy's land on which he now dwells– and those of our freeholders – to whom such right belongs – that live west ward of great pond brook – to have their parts laid out in that part of the Common that is westward of said great pond brook –

Voted — that such of our freeholders, that live westward of the great pond brook, to whom the right of an acre belongs, and have not yet had their right, the said committee are ordered and empowered to lay out to such persons, either on the Southerly side of the Great Swamp – and elsewhere upon the common – where it may be the least damage to the public –

Voted that there shall be such a division made of all the common land — belonging to our town that lays on the east ward – of the brook running out of the pond joining John Coy's land and of said Coys land on a line from said Coy's now dwelling house to Rackoon marsh between

Ipswich – Manchester & Beverly lines, and also of that piece of Common land that lays at the westerly end of our town near Lord's Hill socalled – as the town shall agree – to And it is to be understood that only the wood and timber that now is upon, or what shall hereafter grow is to be appropriated by said division – and the soil to remain to the town in general as formerly.

Voted that there shall be a list taken of the freeholders in our town, that are commoners. and all the wood and timber on the common land before mentioned, Eastward of the brook running out of the Pond — aforesaid and of John Coy's land — and on a line with said Coy's now dwelling house to Raccoon March — socalled between Ipswich, Manchester & Beverly Line, and allso that piece of Common land laying at the westwardly end of our Town near Lords Hill – shall be made into two divisions – and all the freeholders being commoners that live westward of said great pond brook – shall have one of the divisions, and the freeholders and inhabitants that live Eastward of sd great pond brook – shall have the other division

The said division to be made and proportioned according to the number of freeholders, being commoners that belong to each division –

Voted — that Ensign John Porter, William Fairfield, John Enman, Benjamin Edwards, and John Dodge are chosen a committee and fully empowered to make and complete the division of the common land eastward of the brook running out of the pond adjoining to John Coy's land, and of said Coy's land and of a line from said Coy's now dwelling house to Raccoon Marsh so called, between Ipswich, Manchester and Beverly line, and all so that piece of common land laying to the westerly end of our town near Lord's hill, by making bounds on the land for the appropriating of the wood and timber that now is or hereafter shall grow upon the same to the proprietors to whom each division shall belong.

Voted — that no person or persons in our town, shall fall or cut any tree or trees on the common land laying eastward of the brook, running out of the pond adjoining

to John Coy's land, and of said Coy's land, and of the from said Coy's now dwelling house to Raccoon Marsh so called, between Ipswich Manchester and Beverly line, and allso that piece of common land laying at the westredly end of our town, near Lords hill so called, on the penalty of twenty shillings per tree, to be paid to the town treasurer for the towns use, and in case of refusal to be taken by distress by the constable by warrant from the selectmen, until such time as the said division shall be made for the appropriation of the wood and timber on said land.

At a town meeting of the free holders and inhabitants of Wenham being commoners assembled Nov. 25 — 1700 according to the warrant of the Selectman dated 18th Instant . Lt. William Fisk was by the majority of the votes chosen moderator but there being a difference among the inhabitants about it, he refused to accept of the place as then chosen, whereupon they proceeded to a new choice by a division of the inhabitants, and then Capt. Thomas Fisk was chosen Moderator. Voted — that whereas there was a difference amongst the freeholders and inhabitants of our town, that are commoners, about the divisions that were made, at the adjournment of the town meeting on the second day of Jan. 1698— of our common land and for the appropriating of the wood and timber on each of said divisions, and many alleging that the said divisions are very uneqal, it is there ordered that there shall be a committee chosen and appointed, to go and take a view of the wood and timber on each of said divisions and to make a report of their judgment consearing the same to the town at the next town meeting. which is to be on the third day of December next ensuing. Voted that Ensign John Porter, Sagent Freind, Thomas Kemball, Thomas Patch Senr. John Dodge, and John Barr. are chosen a committee for to attend to said service to take a view of the timber and wood on each of the divisions of land that were made at the adjournment of the town meeting on the 2nd of Jan. 1698 and to make a report to the town how they find the same.

Voted — that there shall be a town meeting of the free holders and inhabitants of our town that are commoners at the meeting house, Tuesday the third day of December next ensueing at twelve of the clock, at noon, for the perfecting and carrying on of the work for which the free holders and commoners were called to meet together to attend.

Voted — that no person or persons in our town shall presume to fall or cut any tree or trees on any part of our common land, until further order. or liberty from the town, on the penalty of twenty Shillings per tree, for every tree so fallen or cut, to be reccovered by the town treasurer of any person or persons that shall transgress, by due course and process of law, and to be for the towns use.

At a meeting of the free holders and the inhabitants of Wenham, assembled December 18, 1700 according to the warrant of the Selectmen directed to the constable, dated the 16th Instant, Capt. Thomas Fisk Chosen Moderator

Voted — that whereas Sam English, Joseph Inglish and John Umpee, Indian and as they say, heirs to Maschanomett, late Sagamore of Agawam, lay claim and challenge to the soil of our township, it is agreed that there shall be a committee chosen to treat with them, and examine into their claims, and Challenge which they said Indians, make of our land.

Voted — that Capt. Thomas Fisk, Ensign Fairfield, Thomas Patch Sen. and Liut. William Fisk are chosen a committee for said service, and they or a major part of them are fully empowered to act in the town's behalf. in examining into the claim Indians, and to impound and agree with them, in case they shall see cause, and the town will stand by what they shall do in the matter.

December 18 — 1704 — Then laid out to Samuel Fiske jun. 120 poles, of Swamp land in the great Swamp, joining to said Samuel Fisk North line of his land beginning at Samuel Smith Sen. at his bounds, and so runeth 6 poles in breadth to a stake and heap of stones by Taylor Fisk log fence, and from thence easterly 20 poles to a

stake and heap of stones, 6 poles Northward from Samuel Fisk, his bounds aforesaid, which 120 poles is in full satisfaction for his division of Swamp according to town order,

William Fisk Senr. Thomas Fisk Sen.

Att a general Town meeting of the free holders and inhabitants of Wenham, assembled for choice of town officers for the year ensueing and other town business, March 11 — 170-1 according to the warrant of the Selectmen directed to the Constable, dated March 4 — 1700 — 1701. Capt. Thomas Fisk chosen Moderator for this meeting. Capt. Thomas Fisk, Ensign John Porter, Benjamin Edwards, William Fairfield and John Newman chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

John Newman chosen Town Clerk for the year ensuing. John Brown chosen constable for that part of the town to the westward of the country road. John Barr chosen constable for that part of the town to the eastward of the country road.

Voted that John Barr shall be released from being constable, he being lame. and that another person shall be chosen in his stead. Samuel Killum for that part of the town eastward of the country road. John Newman chosen Town Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Sargent Thomas Edwards Chosen Surveyor of the highways in our town Eastward Straits, so called, and John Batchelder chosen Surveyor of the highways westward of the straits so called for the year ensuing. Thomas Kemball and Ebenezar Batchelder chosen for viewers of fences for the year ensuing. Ensign Walter Fairfield chosen for clerk of the Market.

Voted that the selectmen shall take care about providing for a School for the year ensueing and that the scholars shall pay for their learning.

Voted that the Selectmen or assessors shall forthwith make a rate on the free-holders and commoners in our town, and such as have land laying in our town for the money and cost that was laid out and expended for the proving of the Indian title of the land laying within our town ship, which rate shall be proportioned and raised on

the land laying within the same according to each persons proprietory, wether in free hold or common as near as may be.

Voted — that there shall be a division made of the common land laying within our town among the inhabitants that are commoners for the appropriating of the wood that now is, or shall hereafter grow upon the same.

Voted — that whereas there is not time this day to finish the business, for which this town meeting was appointed, that it is refered or adjourned, until tomorrow morning at ten O'clock in the forenoon, being the twelfth of this instant March, then to meet at the meeting house in order to the performing of what business is yet remaining for which this meeting was appointed.

Benjamin Edwards entereth his disent against the above vote, for the division of the common land in our town.

At the adjournment of the general town meeting, of the free-holders and inhabitants of Wenham assembled, March the 12th, 1700 and 1701. Thomas Edwards, Samuel Kimball Sen. Richard Dodge and Willam Dodge did all enter their disent against the vote that passed yesterday, being the 11th of this instant March for the division of the common lands in our town. It being put to the vote whether the vote passed yesterday, being the Eleventh of this instant March for the division of the common land in our town amongst the inhabitants, being commoners for the appropriating of the wood and timber that now is or hereafter shall grow upon the same, should be prosecuted and it passed in the negative, It being put to the vote, whether the town vote that passed at the town meeting on the 25th, of any person from the fallin or cutting of any tree or trees on any part of the common land till further orders or liberty from the town on the penalty of twenty shillings per tree, to be recovered by the town treasurer for the town's use, should be repealed or passed in the negative.

Voted — that the selectmen for the time being shall take care to agree and appoint some suitable person for digging of graves in our town, from time to time. It being put to the vote whether the town would make choice of

assessors for making assessments, for the year ensueing and it passed in the negative
Voted — that the selectmen for the year ensueing, are empowered to raise so much money by rate, as shall be nessary for the maintainance and relief of the poor, and paying a representative and other necessary town charges.
Voted — that the town grants ten pounds money, toward the procuring of a new bell for our meeting house and allso the old bell to be sold and added to the said ten pounds which with what our neighbors of Ipswich shall contribute shall all be improved for the procuring of a good new bell for our meeting house.
Voted — that the selectmen are desiered and empowered to take care for the procuring of a good bell for our meeting house.
Voted — that the inhabitants of our town that live Eastward of the great pond brook have liberty to build a pound amongst themselves at their own cost, and set it on their own land which shall be accounted a lawful pound.
Voted — that the inhabitants of our town that live westward of the Straits, or any particular person amongst them have liberty to build a pound, at their own cost, and set it on their own land which shall be accounted a lawful pound.
Voted — that the Selectmen shall take care for the providing a Shepherd, for the keeping of the sheep for the year ensuing at the cost and charge of the owners thereof.
At a meeting of the selectmen March 18 1700, and 1701, then agreed and ordered that whereas the free-holders and inhabitants of this town did at their general town meeting on the 12th of this instant March, that the selectmen or assesors should forthwith make a rate on the free holders and commoners in our town and such as have land laying in our town for the money and cost that was laid out and expended for the procuring of the Indian title of the land, laying in our township, which rate was to be proportioned and raised on the land laying within the same according to each persons proprietory, either in freehold or common and we not having an account of

the quantity of persons propritors in freehold and so are not capable of proportioning the same eaquelly, we do therefore order that the town clerk do forethwith draw an order, and set it up on the meeting house and give notice to all the free holders and commoners in our town and such others as had land laying in our town that they do bring in a true account under their hands of the quantity of their land, and allso of what right they claim in the common, to the selectmen or any of them at or before the thirty first day of this instant March, to the end that equality and justice may be done in the matter, which order was set up accordingly.

At a meeting of the selectmen, and the constable being present March 24th 1701 they then made choice of John Newman to be sealer of weights and measures.

1701 — At a meeting of the Selectmen April 1st 1701, John Brown was sworn to the office of constable for the year ensueing. Then a tax was made on the free holders and commoners, in our town, and such others as had land laying within the same for the money and cost that was expended in purchasing the Indian title of the land within our town-ship in two distict lists, with a warrant on each list, directed to the constable for speedy collection of the same, and paying into the town treasurer at or before the 15th day of this instant April. Constable John Brown's list amounted to fifty Eight shillings $2^{£}$ — 18^{s} and he was ordered to pay into the town treasurer $2^{£}$ — 17^{s}, the remainder being 1 shilling, and three pence $2^{£}$ — 17^{s} was allowed him for collecting the same.

Constable Samuel Kilham's List amounted to two pounds, nine shillings and five pence, which he was ordered to pay into the town treasurer excepting $2^{£}$ — 9^{s} — 5^{d} one shilling and two pence which was $2^{£}$ — 8^{s} — 3^{d} allowed him for collecting.

A Tax was made for a town rate on the poles and estates in and belonging to our town for the relief and maintainance of the poor and some other necessary town charges, which rate was made in two distinct lists, with a warrant on each list directed to the constables for collecting the same, and paying in the same to the town

treasurer, by the second day of June next ensueing, and to isue their accounts by the first day of July next
Constable John Brown's list amounted to nine pounds sixteen shillings 9 — 16 and was ordered to pay to the town treasurer nine ponds and twelve shillings 9 — 12 the remainder of said list being Four Shillings was allowed him for collecting the same.
Constable Samuel Kilham's list amounted to eight pounds, and he was ordered to pay to the town treasurer, $8^{f}:00^{s}:9^{p}$ seven pounds fifteen shillings, the remainder 7 :15 :0 being five shillings and ninepence, for collecting.

Then agreed and ordered that the town treasurer do forthwith, on the towns behalf, look after and call in what moneys are remaining due to the town in any constables or collectors hands, that have not made up and issued theier accounts with the Selectmen of rates that have been committed to them to collect, and allso what debts are due or belonging to the town or the poor thereof or any other waist and do prosecute against them as need shall require that shall refuse or neglect to make payment of any debt due said town.
At a Town meeting of the freeholders and inhabitants of Wenham, assembled April the 25th 1701 for the choice of jurors for the next Superior court of judicature, to be holden at Ipswich on the third tuesday of May next, by virtue of a warrant from the clerk, Richard Dodge Senr. chosen to serve on the grand jury and Josiah Dodge and Joseph Herrick to serve on the jury of trials at said court

At a meeting of the selectmen, April 25 1701.
Then agreed and ordered that having received a precept from the Sheriff, requiring the calling the freeholders and inhabitants of our town together that the town Clerk do forthwith grant a warrant to the Constable to warn a town meeting of the freeholders and inhabitants, of our town qualified to vote in town affairs that they assemble and meet together at the meeting house on tuesday the sixth day of May next ensueing at four o'clock in the afternoon to make choice of a representative to serve for and represent them at the next great and general court or assembly to be held and kept for his Magisties Service

at Boston on the last Wednesday in May next, and consider and agree what to do about such as have or shall make any encroachment on our town common land by fencing in any part of the same which warrant was delivered to the constable.

Ordered that the town clerk do send a notification to John Denniss and William Knowlton to meet at the house of Lieut. Thomas Fisk in Wenham on tuesday the sith day of may next ensueing, at about twelve of the Clock at noon, to make up, settle and clear their acpts. with the selectmen about the rent that is due to the town for the land that is improved by them, and their order by virtue of a grant from the town.

At a town meeting of the free holders and inhabitants of Wenham, assembled May the sixthe 1701, for the choice of a representative for the next great and general court or assembly, to be held and Kept for his Maj^{s}. sevice at Boston, the last wednesday in this Instant may, and for doeing other town business, all according to the warrant the selectmen directed to the Constable. Sargt. Patch Chosen Moderator. Lieu. William Fisk Chosen Representative.

Voted that the Selectmen look after encroachments on the Common.

At a meeting of the selectmen may 6, 1701. Ordered that the town treasurer pay Lieut. Thomas Fisk for the Selectmens expenses for this year, to this time Eight Shillings.

At a town meeting of the free holders and inhabitants of Wenham assembled june twenty third, 1701 for the choice of jurors for the next inferior court of pleas to be holden at Salem on the last tuesday of this instant. John Coy and Samuel Fisk were Chosen as jurors at the said court.

At a meeting of the selectmen July 23— 1701 — a warrant was granted to the Constable to warn one John Dier, who came into our town from Ipswich, some time in the month of june last passed, and is now entertained at the house of Lieut Thomas Fisk, that the said Dier do depart and leave the town, and return to the place

from which he came, and allso said Constables were ordered to give notice to said Lieut. Fisk, not to entertain said Dier any longer. Agreed with goodman Robert Symonds, to take care of our part of the meeting house, to ring the bell and sweep said part of the meeting house as often as need shall require for the year ensueing, and he the said Symonds to be allowed and paid for said sevice by the town thirty Shillings in money or as money, at or before the 23rd of july next ensuein the date thereof. At a meeting of the selectmen July 29 1701,

Present Capt. Fisk
Ensign Porter
John Newman
William Fairfield.

Then reckoned and accounted with John Coy, one of the Constables for said town of Wenham, for the 1699 for a town rate or list of assessments committed to him to collect in said year, dated Augt. 23rd 1699. and said Constable had made payment out of said rate or list of assessments by virtue of his warrant thereunto affixed, unto the hands of the selectmen of said Wenham.

To Mr. John Newman for sevice at the General Court as Representative five pounds and eight shillings — $5^{£}\ 8^{s}\ ^{d}$. To James Taylor treasurer of the province — six pounds and fourteen shillings . . as per Receipt then showed and allowed him two shillings and fourpence for his sons head that was rated to him the said Coy, he alleging that his son was rated and paid for his head, at Marble head, where he then lived as he said. The remainder of said rate or assessment being twenty eight shillings, besides what was allowed said constable for his collecting was put into and included in a bond or obligation received of said Coy this day and payable to the town treasurer or his successors in Sd office by the tenth day of novenber next ensueing the dated hereoff. Also in the aforesaid bond or obligation wherin the said twenty eight Shillings is included there is allso included forty shillings due to the poor of said town of Wenham for two months defect of said Coy in not Issuing his

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accounts with the Selectmen, viz. the months of July and August Anno 1700, as per judgment of the Worshipful John Hawthorn Esq. the twenty eight day of this Instant July appears and allso the cost of suit being twenty nine Shillings and six pence is allso includede in sd obligation. It was also agreed that said Constable John Coy should be aquited from any furthe demands as touching said rate or lists of assessments besides what is included in the aforsaid obligation, and the appeal by said Coy from the aforsaid judgment is to cease.

Know all men by these presents that whereas I John Dodge Sen. of Beverly in the county of Essex in New England did in the beginning of the year 1698, purchase of William Knowlton of Wenham it being part of a parcel of common land belonging to said town of Wenham, and granted by the inhabitants of said Wenham to abner Ordway and his wife, for life time and confirmed by said town to John Dennis and his heirs as signed at a town meeting the sixth day of January 1678, he paying pr. acre twlve pence by the year to the town, and the said Knowlton having purchased said Dennis right in said grant I the said John Dodge do bind myself and my heirs, exaqs. and administrators to pay or cause to be paid to the Selectmen or town treasurer for the time being for the use of said town of wenham or to such other persons as said town of Wenham shall appoint the full sum of three Shillings in money, or of money by the year for the use of said land annually from the first day of Jan. in the year 1698 and 9 and the first payment being to have been paid on or before the first day of jan in the year 1698 and 9 and said annually from time to time on or before of every January from time to time as witness my hand hereunto set this sixth day of may anno dom. 1701

Signed in presence of us { John Newman
John Dodge Senr. { Benjamin Edwards

August 9 1701 By virtue of a warrant received from the treasurer of the province for the assessing and proportioning of the sum of thirty nine pounds eighteen Shillings, on the poles and Estates in and belonging to

our town a notification was by the town clerk pasted up on the meeting house to give notice to all the inhabitants in our town, and such other persons as had any land laying within the same to bring into the Selectmen or any of them true bills of their poles and estates at or before the twenty first day of this instant month of August, to the end that equity and justice might be done in proportioning said tax or list of assesssments.

August 25, 1701 — then Capt. Thomas Fisk, Mr. John Porter., William Fairfield and Benjamin Edwards being four of the present Selectmen, appeared and took the oath of assessors for the assessing and apportioning of the sum or sums that are or shall be agreed on for said town to pay to the Country County or town charges for this Instant year. At a meeting of the Selectmen August 25 1701, a tax was made on the poles and Estates in and belonging to the town of Wenham, for the proportion to the province Charges in two distinct lists and committed to the two Constables to collect and pay in to the treasurer of the province or his successor in said office,

Constable John Browns list amounted to twenty two pounds, three Shillings 10d

John Newmans rate or proportion in said list being six shillings and 8 pence was crossed in said list, he being ordered by the selectmen, to keep in his own hands as town treasurer for the towns use — 6s: 8d.

Said Constable was to pay to Mr. James Taylor, treasurer of said province or his successor in said office, according to his warrant — twenty one pounds Eleven shillings and four pence. the remainder of said list being five shillings and 10 pence was allowed him for Collecting.

Constable Samuel Kilhams list. amounted to nineteen pounds three Shillings and ten pence, of which he was to collect but eighteen pounds, eleven shillings and four pence, because Benjamin Edwards rate and proportion in said list was crossed by the selectmen, being 12s: 6d — he having paid it to the treasurer, by the selectmens order for the towns use, And he was to pay to mr. James Taylor treasurer of the province or his successors in sd office, according to his warrant, Eighteen pounds six

shillings and 8 pence the remainder of said list being four shillings and eight pence was allowed him for collection.

Allso a town rate was made in two distinct lists', amounting to about the one fourth or quarter part of the above said tax, for our proportion to the province Charges and was for paying the representative for his sevice at the general court which lists were committed to the two constables with a warrant on each list for the speedy collection and gatering in the same and paying it into the town treasurer by the first day of November next ensueing, the date hereoff.

Constable John Browns list amounted to five pounds Eleven shillings and 1 penny which he was ordered to pay into the town treasurer by the first day of Nov. next ensueing the date hereoff, excepting three shillings allowed him for collecting, Constable Samuel Killam list amounted to four pound sixteen shillings and five pence, 4f— 15— 5— he was ordered to pay into the town treasurer by the first day of November next ensueing the date hereoff excepting three shillings an five pence, that was allowed him for collecting.

Ordered that the town treasurer do pay to Benjamin Edwards with wat he hath already paid him this present year the sum of fifteen pounds in behalf of the town, it being to complete the thirty ponds which he was to receive by agreement with the town for to keep and maintain the widow Hobbs, her whole life time so as to discharge the said town from any furthe charge about her.

Ordered that the town treasurer pay to Ebenezar Batchelder on the towns account for ringing the bell, and looking after the meeeting house for the year 1700 untill the first day of July 1701, twenty six shillings according to agreement 1£— 6^{s}—

Thomas Killam one of the Constables of this town in the year 1699, came and agreed to make up and settle his accounts with the Selectmen of a list of assessment of a town rate that was committed to him to collect in said year dated Augt. 23 1699. and it appearing that he had

made payment out of said lists of assessments to the several persons to whom he was ordered to pay by his warrant thereunto affixed the whole of what he was to make payment of excepting six Shillings, one shilling and 6 pence of said sum being his father Kilhams rate, which was agreed to be abated him, by the selectmen in said year; the other four shillings and six pence he is to pay into the town treasurer at or before the first day of November, next ensueing, which if he does so pay, the selectmen does agree that he the said Killam shall be acquitted and discharged from said rate or list of assessment.
andso far as they can acquit from any forfeiture that might be due to the poor of said town, for his former neglect in not making up and isueing his accounts with the selectmen according to law, and the town treasurer isordered not to prosecute him for any such forfeiture in case the 4shillings and6pence be duly paid.
At a town meeting of the freeholders and inhabitants of Wenham assembled, Nov 4th 1701 — for to make choice of jurors for the next superior court of judicature to be holden at Salem, Robert Symonds Senr. was chosen to serve on the grand jury and Samuel Kimball Senr. and John Dodge to serve on the jury of trials.
At ameeting of the selecmen Nov 4th 1701, Then a warrant was granted to the constable of Wenham to warn and give notice to all the free holders and inhabitants of this town being commoners to assemble and meet together at the meeting house on tuesday the eighteenth day of this instant nov. at nine of the clock in the forenoon to consider of and agree and act what then shall be thought most nessary and convenient to be done in order to the preservation of the wood and timber on the common land or any part of it either by dividing or any other way that the commoners shall then think may be best for the public Interest of the town, and to make due return of their warrant.
At a town meeting of the free holders and inhabitants of Wenham being Commoners, assembled Nov. 18th 1701 appointed on the 18th day of this Instant. Lieut. William Fisk was chosen Moderator.

Voted that whereas at the general town meeting of the free holders and inhabitants of this town assembled March the 11th 1700 and 1701. The town did by their votes leave it to the selectmen to take care about providing a school, for the learning of children to read and write for the year ensueing and that the scholars should pay for their learning it is now ordered that in case what the sholars shall pay for their learning shall not appear to be sufficient satisfaction for the master that shall keep such school, the selectmen are empowered on the towns behalf to make such further satisfaction to said schoolmaster as in equity and justice may be thought convenient.
Voted — That whereas we are informed that our town is presented for want of a school master that there shall be two men chosen to answer said presentment, on the towns behalf. Capt, Thomas Fisk and William Fairfield are chosen and appointed to attend to and answer said presentment,
And by virtue of a warrant from the clerk of the sessions of the peace requiring jurors to be chosen for the next court to be holden at Salem. Charles Gott Jun. was chosen grand juryman for the year ensueing.
Thomas Killam and Thomas White chosen to serve on the jury of trials at the next inferior court of Common pleas to be holden at Salem on the last tuesday of December next.
At a meeting of the Selectmen Dec. 4th 1701.
Wheras the Selectmen did at their meeting the ninth day of September 1700 appoint Capt. Thomas Fisk to keep a school in the town for the year ensueing, which he did then agree to accept of according to terms then agreed on between them. which time being expired before we were sensible of it andthe town having by their rate left it to the selectmen to take care about providing for a school for the year ensueing, we have now agreed with said Capt. Fisk that he shall continue in said place according as he was for merly agreed withall. Ordered that the town treasurer, do pay to Robert Symonds Sen. out of the town treasury eight shillings it being for Irons for the pound gate, and hanging said gate

At a meeting of the Selectmen Dec. 1701.
Then agreed that there shall be a town meeting at the meeting house on Monday 29th day of this instant Dece. at nine of the clock in the forenoon, for making some prudential orders, for the preservation of the wood and timber on our towns Commonland, and to consider of and agree about any other towns business that may then come unto consideration, and accordingly a warrant was granted, to the constables, signed by the town Clerk for the warning of said meeting.
At a town meeting of the freeholders and inhabitants of Wenham assembled Dec the 29 1701 according to the warrant of the selectmen, the 26th day of this Instant Dec. for to make prudential orders for the preservation of the wood and timber on the towns common land.
Ensign Waltor Fairfield Chosen Moderator. Voted that there shall not be any wood or timber carried out of our town from any part of our common land directly or indirectly, wrought up or not wrought up, on the penalty of twenty shillings for each tree so carried away.
Voted — that there be no sort of green wood or timber, fallen on any part of our common land under one foot through, at the stump where it is fallen, upon penalty of twenty shillings a tree, for each tree so fallen.
Voted —

that there shall be no pine, Hemlock or Oak tree or trees fallen on any part of our common land, under sixteen inches at the stump wher it is fallen and whom so ever falleth any timber or wood what so ever shall cut up and carry away. from off of the common the whole tree body and limbs. except it be pine or hemlock, and if any person shall not withstanding andof the sorts above said under that bigness, he shall pay twenty shillings for each tree so fallen
Voted — that whomsoever falleth any wood or timber on any part of the common land, shall that same day that they falleth cut it up fit to be carted or sledded, off the common, and if not cut up that day then to be free to any one, as his own. And if any layeth above seven days, after it is cut up, it shall be free to anyone to take as his

own, and whatsoever wood or timber that is now fallen down on any part of the common land and is not cut up as aforesaid, within four days after this day it shall be free for any to cut up as his own. And ifany such wood or timber layeth cut up above seven days after there being any coming at it, with a cart or sled to carry it away it sahall be free for any to take as his own, provided he that shall take either tree or wood by virtue of this order, shall be a commoner in our town. and the several penalties for the breach of the aforesaid orders or any of them, shall be to the use of the town, and to be recorded by the town treasurer by due process of law.

voted — that it be ordered and agreed, that whom soever of the commoners in our town shall employ any out of town man or inhabitant of any other town, to cut wood and timber, on the said common, or to carry of wood or timber off of such common shall pay twenty shillings aday for each dav, he shall employ any said person as aforesaid, to be to the towns use, and to be recorded to the town treasurer by due process of law. and what person or persons so ever shall inform our town treasurer of the breach of any of the orders, above written and produce sufficient evidence to prove the same shall be paid for his pains outof the town treaurery five shillings for each tree so fallen or carried away, or any offense against or breach of these orders.

At a meeting of the selectmen, Dec 29th 1701.

Ordered that the town treasurer do pay to Capt. Fisk and William Fairfield, on the towns account twenty shillings, they being chosen and appointed by the town to answer a presentment, which is said to be made against the town for want of a school master.

At a meeting of the Selectmen Jan 26 1701 and 2.

A tax was made on the poles and estates in and belonging to our town of Wenham in two distincts listsfor our proportion to the country charges, as per warrant received from the clerk of the sessions of peace, which lists were committed to the two Constables with a warrant on each list for the collecting of the same and paying of it in by the first day of April next ensueing, the date hereof in

money or equal. Constable John Browns list amounted to four pounds. two shilligs and two pence and he was ordered to make payment to John Appleton Esq. County treasurer or his successor in that office, three pound fifteen shilling and two D. and to the town treasurer, three shillings, the remainder of said list being four shillings is allowed you for carrying a vagabond person to Ipswich and collecting this list. Constable Samuel Killam List amounted to three pounds, eleven shillings and eleven pence, and he was ordered to make payment to John Appleton Esq, County treasurer or his successor in that office, three pounds, seven shillings and three pence.
the remainder of said list being four shillings and 8 pence is allowed you for warning the last town meetting, and collecting this list.
Ordered that John Newman be allowed out of the town treasury, for drawing the list of assessment herewith. At a meeting of the selectmen Feb. 16th 1701 and 2 a warrant was granted to the constable to warn a town meeting of the freeholders andother inhabitants of this town qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble and meet together at the meeting house, on the first tuesday on the month of march next ensueing at eight of the clock in the forenoon, to make choice of town officers for the year ensueing and for the doeing of any other business that may be then thought necessary and to make return of this warrant to the selectmen.
Allso reconed and accounted with Capt. Fisk and William Fairfield for the twenty shillings they received of the town treasurer, being employed to go to Salem on the towns account and they had laid out and expended for the towns use with their time fifteen Shillings. the other five shillingswas discounted with them for carting stones to the meeting house for paving. Ordered that there be paid to Ensign John Porter three shillings out of the town treasury, for carting of gravel to the meeting house. Ordered that there be paid to Lieut. Thomas Fisk three shilligs and five pence out of the town treasury infull of what is remaining due to him for Selectmens expenses to this time.

At a general Town meeting of the free holders and inhabitants of Wenham, assembled March 3rd — 1701—2. Thomas Fisk Sen. Chosen Moderator, Ensign Walter Fairfield, Ensign John Porter, James Freind, Thomas Patch and Thomas Fisk Sen. chosen selectmen for the year ensueing.

Thomas Fisk chosen Town Clerk for the year ensueing and sworn by the selectmen the same day.

John Batcchelder Chosen Constable for the west end of the town and Zacheus Goldsmith, for the East end of the town for the ensueing year.

John Berry Chosen for surveyors of the Highways for the west end of the town and Nathaniel Waldron, Surveyor for the east end of the town for the year ensueing.

Thomas Edwards and Ebenezar Batchelder chosen for Tithing men, for the year ensueing.

William Fairfield, John Gott, and Benjamin Edwards chosen for fence viewers for the year ensueing. Benjamin Edwards appointed for a leather Sealer. Ensign Fairfield chosen to seal weights and measures. Thomas Fisk Jun. Chosen for town treasurer. It being put to the vote wether, Mr. Newman shall be allowed any more for his Clerkship than what has been already allowed him and it was voted in the negative. Twas voted that Mr. Newman shall have fifteen shillings of the towns money, which he has in his hands as town treasurer, in consideration of his trouble in his treasury, for the last year past. Twas Voted that Mr. Newman, James Freind — Fairfield, and Thomas Kimball shall be allowed two pounds, nine shillings and eleven pence which is in Mr. Newmans hand as town treasurer, in consideration two pounds twelve shillings and seven pence which they were damaged in the prosecuting of a Complaint on the town's behalf, before Mr. Hawthorne, against John Coy about the fault in his colectorship.

Upon a complaint made to the town, by Mr. Tilton that there is arrears of payment still due to him, building the meeting house. it is left to the Selectmen to examin and find out what hath been paid, and use means that those who are behind in paying their dues may make

payment, that so the carpenter may have his due. the question being put, whether the town will allow of those three pews newly set up before Mr. Porters pew in our meeting house — it was voted on the negative, and it was allso votedthat the said three pews shall be removed, and the town seats repaired and made up in the same form which the town made them at first.

Voted — that WalterFairfield, John Porter and Thomas Patch, Richard Dodge James Freind, —— Fairfield, and Thomas Fisk Sen. are appointed acommittee, with full powers from time to time to seat people in our meeting house as there shall be occasion.

John Batchelder, John Gott, Zacheus Goldsmith, John Barry, Nathaniel Waldron Thomas Edwards, Ebenezar Batchelder —— Fairfield, Benjamin Edwards, Walter Furniss and Thomas Fisk Jun. appeared before the Selectmen March fifth 1701-2 andwere sworn each of them to their respective offices.

At a meeting of the selectmen March 18 1702.

it was ordered that there be a warrant forthwith sent to constable Zacheus Goldsmith forthwith, to warn Abigail the wife of Joshua Easty of Topsfield to remove both herself and child back to the place from which she came, she having been resident in our town three weeks or there abouts. accordingly there was awarrant sent to the constable that same day.

At a meeting of the selectmen April 24th 1702.

There was then a note drawn for Sargent Thomas Edwards and Benjamin Edwards, to meet with Manchester gentlemen 28th of April instant at ten of the clock, to meet at garden lot according to their notification to perambulate the line between Manchester and Wenham. Then there was also a notification drawn to Topsfield selectmen to perambulate and renew the bounds between their town and wenham. on the 18th day of may next ensueing and Joseph Herrick, Thomas Rix and Samuel Rix or any of them were ordered to meet with their men at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at the west end of Wenham Causeway |if it be fair weather but if it prove foul, then the next fair day at the same hour of that day.|

On the 5th day of May warrants were sent to the Constable to warn a town meeting

on the 12th of May Instant to choose a representative for the General Court at Boston 27th may Instant. and provide a school and pound keeper what else is needfull for the town to consider, by order of the selectmen.

The following account of Mr. Newman was on a stray leaf, and was not found untill after the above Record was coppied in 1702.

The town of Wenham Dr. 1700 March 4th.

To money paid for the Indian title of our Town ship — 3:10:

by the committee

To money remaining due to — Newman as pr acpt madeup with the selectmen to march 4th 1700-1 1::01::06:

1701

May 6th, To paid to Lieut Thomas Fisk for Selectmen expenses 0::08::00

by Constables Sa'l Killams Bill to this time ———

July 4th To money paid to Benjamin Edwards in part, towards his keeping goodwife Hobbs as pr receipt 9:05:00

Aug. 25th To more ditto for the selectmens expenses in making the country tax to goodwife woodman's 0:07:00

Oct. 10th to more do paid to Ebenezar Batchelder in part for Keeping the meeting house and ringing the bell for the year 1700 to more paid him in full six shillings, 3d 1::06: 0

ditto 15th to more paid to Benjamin Edwards towards the keeping of the widow Hobbs as per receipt 4:05:00

ditto 28th To money paid Goodman Young the glaiser for mending the glass of the meeting house in the west Lucom 0:06:00

Nov. 5th To more paid Lieut William Fisk in partfor his sevices as Representative to general court 5:11:00

ditto 18th to more do paid Benjamin Edwards to Complete the fifteen pounds he was to receive.	1:09:06
Nov. 24th to 12 quire of paper for the towns use	0:00: 6
Dec 4th To money Robert Symonds Senr. for Irons for the pounds	0:08:
dec. 30th — to more paid Capt. Fisk and William Fairfield, they being appointed a committee to answer a presentment against the town	1:00:
1701	
Jan. 26 To more due to John Newman for drawing the Lists for the town and County rates	0:04:
Feb 14 To money discounted with Constable Samuel Killam being for John Coy's head that was rated to the County before he became of age —	0:03
To Money paid for weights and measures for the towns use	1:00:00
To Money to Lieut William Fisk Towards his Services at General Court as Representative	2:14:0
Feb 26 — To money paid to Lt. William Fisk in full for the Selectmens expenses to this time	0:08:08
	33:07:07

pr Contra

April 1st 1701 By Constable John Brown for a list of assessment committed to him to cllect and pay into the town treasury by the fifteenth of this instant April two pounds, seventeen shillings	2 17
April 1st Constable Samuel Killam for aList of assessment committed to him to collect and to be paid in by the 15th day of april next ensueing	2:08:03
By Constable John Brown for another	

list of a town rate committed to him to collect and to be paid in by the twentieth day of June next ensueing 9:12:00

By Constable Samuel Killam for another list of a town rate committed to him to collect and to be paid in by the 20th of june next ensueing 7:15:

June 16th By money received of William Gidney Esq Sheriff being a fine of Mordecai Larcom due to the poor of said town 0: 5: 0

aug25,, By money discounted with Benjamin Edwards twelve shillings and six pence and with John Newman Six Shillings and eight pence it being their rates or proportions in the list of assessments for the county tax dated Aug the 25th 1701 and committed to constable Brown and Killam their said rates being crossed in said lists and paid into the town Treasury for the towns use per order of the selectmen. 0:19:02.

Aug 25th By Constable John Brown for a list of town rates committed to him to collect an pay into the town treasurer, by the first day of November next ensueing as per his warrant unto affixed 5::08:00

By Constable Samuel Killam for a list of assessment for a town rate committed to him to collect and pay into the town treasurer by the first of november next ensueing as per his warrant unto affixed dated Aug 5th 1701 4::12::00

Dec 1st 1701 By money received of Thomas Killam one of the constables for the year 1699— 4—6it being so much remaining in his hands of a town rate committed to him to collect as pr acpts made up with the Selectmen Aug 25th last past. 0::04::06

Dec 4th By Ditto more received of John Coy one of the constables of 1699	3::08::00
	37::08::11

1701

april 1st John Brown Constable in acpt with the Town of Wenham for a list of assesment committed to you to collect and pay into the town trearer by the fifteenth of this instant april according to warrant	2::17::00.
To ditto for another list of a town rate committed to you to collect and pay according to your warrant by the 20th day of June, next ensueing	9:12::00
Aug 25th To ditto for another list of assesment of a town rate Committed to you to collect and pay into the town treasurer by the first day of Nov. next ensueing according to your warrant	5:08:00
Per contra.	
april25th by money received and discounted with you in behalf of the town in fullof the list of assesment committed to you to go collect of the money and cost expended in purchasing the Indian title of our township.	2:17:00
May 26 By money received of you for town of wenham acpt	2:02:00
July 14 By money ditto of you on the towns accounts	4:18::0
Oct 6. by more do do of you 2:12 0	2:12:00
oct 28 by more ditto of you 24 s and discounted 10	1:14:00
Nov 5 by more of you do 40	2::00::00
March 2nd 1702 By more ditto of you by discount Lt. Wm. Fisk	1:14:00
Dec 14 1702 accounted with Constable Brown acquitted and closed	5:08::00
April 2nd 1701 Samuel Killam Constable in	

acpt with Town Treasurer Dr to the town of Wenham for alist of assesment committed to you to collectand pay into the town treasurer by the fifteenth of this instant April according to warrant 2:08:03

April 1st To ditto for anoter list of a town rate committed to you to collect and pay into the town treasurer, according toyour warrant by the 20th of June next ensueing 7:15:00

Aug 25th To ditto for another list of assesments of a town rate payable by the first of Nov next ensueing according to your warrant 4:16:03

14:16:03

Per Contra Credit

1701

April 21 By money paid to the town treasurer and discounted him in behalf of the town toward the money and cost laid out and expended in purchasing the Indian title of our township 2:04:10

June 6th by more ditto of you on towns acpt 31s 1:11:00

July 14th by more ditto of you on towns acpt 46/8 2:06:08

Aug 16th By more ditto of you 22s 1:02:00

Oct 6th By more ditto of you 36s 4d 1:16:04

Nov 5th By more ditto of you 39s 1:19:00

Nov 18th By more ditto of you 22-8-5 1:02:05

Feb 14 1702 By more ditto of you 30- 4- and discounted 3 shillings paid to Goodman Symonds and 3 to John Coy for his sons head that was rated to the country and he was not of age. 1:16:04

13:18:07

May 12, 1702 At a legal Town Meeting, Thomas Fisk Sen. Chosen Moderator. Mr. John Newman Chosen to represent the town in the next general court, the 27th of May 1702. Thomas Fisk is appointed School master

to learn those that would learn to write and Cypher, on the terms he accepted it theyear past.
Voted that the selectmen have full power to agree with such school dames as are nessary to learn children to read.
Robert Symounds is appointed pound keeper, until there be another Chosen.
At ameeting of the Selectmen of Topsfield may 6th 1702. We have appointed mr. Isaac peobody, Mr Elisha Perkins and Thomas Towns or any two of them to go on perambulation with Wenham Gentlemen appointed for that end and to meet at the west end of Wenham Causeway on the 18th day of this instant May at ten of the clock in the morning, per order of the Selectmen, Samuel Standley, Town Clerk
We whose names are underwritten being appointed to meet with such gentlemen of Wenham as was appointed for to renew the bounds between the towns, and have renewed the bounds, as they have renewed according to agreement last made. dated may 18th 1702. Thomas Town — Elisha Perkins
That what is above written is a true entry of the above mentioned return Attest Thomas Fisk Clerk.

At a legal Town Meeting June 15th 1702
deacon Nathl. Fisk chosen moderator.
Ensign John Porter chosen to serve on the jury of trials at the next inferior court holden in Salem.
Voted — that Ensign Walter Fairfield Sargent Thomas Patch and Thomas Fisk senr are appointed with full power to settle the bounds between John Leech and the town common an in case he refuse to show his bounds then the said committe are empowered to measure his land according to his grant, and thereoff make return to the town.
Voted — That Lieut Thomas Fisk, John Gott and Joseph Herrick are appointed a committee fully empowered to prosecute against Zacheus Perkins at law for trespasing on the town common land at Huckle berry Island or else to agree with him on the towns behalf for his said trespass as they shall see need.
Augt. 27th 1702.

At a meeting of the selectmen, a provine tax was made together with a town rate and committed them in two lists to the Constables.
Constable John Batchelders list 21:: 15:: 10:: to pay the province treasurer 21 : 11 :: and 4s and 10 penc,. allowed him for collecting., And the town rate in the magin of said list of 3 :: 12 :: 6 :: for payment of representative and for the bell Ringer was ordered by warrant to be collected and paid into said town treasury at or before the last day of Oct. next.
And the other list of 19 :: 8 :: 05 to Constable Zacheus Goldsmith to pay the province treasurer 18 :: 7 :: and 16 :: 6pene to the town treasurer the rest 4s — 11 pence was allowed him for collecting. And the town rate in the margin of said list being 3 : 18 : 6 — to be collected and paid into the town Treasurer at or before the last day of october next for the paying the Representativ and bell Ringer.
At a Legal Town Meeting Oct. 28 1702 for the choice of juror at the next Superior court to be holden at Salem. John Leech chosen to serve on the grand jury and William Fairfield and Thomas Patch Senr. and John Barr Chosen to serve on the jury of trial.
At a meeting of the Selectmen November 3rd 1702, They then passed an order to pay to Robert Symonds thirteen Shillings,. for keeping the meeting house in order the year last past, and then agreed with him for the like servisce for this instant year uponthe same terms as formerly
Also then passed an order to the town treasurer, to pay Mr. Newman 4 : 14 :: 6 when together with 17 pounds of the town powder in his hand was in full for his sevices as representative at the general court. the 31st of October this instant year. Also then delivered to Ensign Walter Fairfield, the town Standard brass weights this viz. 4 pounds, 2 pounds 1 pounds — 1—2 and 1—4 pound. Boston Sept 26 1701.

Received of Mr. John Brown Constable of Wenham, eight pounds in full on warrant of twenty one pounds,

eleven shillings and 4 pence, signed by Mr. James Taylor, Treasurer.

For adm

A true entry of the Original Receipt, Attest Thomas Fisk, Clerk

Received of John Brown, Formerly Constable in the town of wenham, Sum of three pounds and fifteen shillings, for his part of the county rate, which was committed to him to collect by the selectmen of Wenham.

Ipswich, Augt. 6th 1702 pr, John Appleton, County treasurer.

A true entry of the original receipt, Attest Thomas Fisk, clerk

At a Town meeting Dec. 15th 1702.

Ensign Walter Fairfield chosen to serve on the grand jury at the next inferior court at Salem and Joseph Hacker to serve on the Jury of trials.

at a Legal town meeting Jan. 7th 1702-3

James Freind Chosen Moderator. In answer to the question whether the town will have the bell which Mr. Gerrish have procured for the meeting house upon the terms of their payin thirty pounds, it was voted on the affirmative. Voted that there shall be a rate made for the raising the above sum, directed to the constables to collect by the inside of February, next instant, taking the minesters rate for the rule

Voted that Ensign Fairfield, Lieut, Thomas Fisk, or Ensign John Porter are appointed a committe to sell our old bell, and to agree, with Zacheus Perkins for the sale of our commons on Huckleberry Island, and to fetch our new bell home, and se to the hanging of it.

At ammeeting of the selectmen Jan. 13th 1702-3

Then there was a tax upon the poles and estates in our town of thirty two pounds 12 shillings and 8 pence, which was drawn in two lists viz. to Constable John Batchelder a list committed to him of seventeen pounds and twelve shillings and then delivered to him with a warrant upon it to pay to the town treasurer, seventeen pounds and three shillings and 8 pence, the rest being five shillings was allowed him for collecting of it, and the other list of

15: : 9: : 8 directed to Constable Zacheus Goldsmith, and ordered him by warrant to pay to the town treasurer 14: : 16: : 7 the rest of said list it being 4^s: : 1 is allowed him for collecting of it, and then allowed to Constable John Batchelder 3 shillings and 4 pence for so much which he has paid to Samuel Kemball Sen. for town' services in running towns lines. ordered that the town treasurer, pay to John Edwards three shillings for 6 pounds of hemp for a bell rope.

At a meeting of the Selectmen Jan. 17th 1702-3.

Ordered that the town Clerk draw a warrent to our Constable to warn a town meeting on the third day come sunday next at eight o'clock in the forenoon at the meeting house to divide our common land or order it otherwise as may be best for the towns advantage.

At a meeting of the free holders in Our town Jan. 26th 1702-3, Thomas Fisk Senr Chosen Moderator —

Voted that whereas there was a common right granted to Thomas Patch June. the town declare that said right shall belong to the free holders where Stephen Patch now liveth, it being then Thomas Patch's. Granted to Timothy Patch and Theophilus Fisk to each of them a right of commonage. Voted that Samuel Kimball Samuel Fisk Senr. and Joseph Batchelder are Chosen to serve as jurors at the Superior court to be holden at Salem Nov. 19th 1703.

At a meeting of the selectmen 2nd March 1702-3.

Then settled accounts with Thomas Fisk Lieut. who was town treasurer in the year 1702, and he remains debtor to the town 3 bushells of meal which is in his hands.

March 2nd 1702 — Ensign Walter Fairfield sworn clerk of the markett. and sealer of weights and measures. John Gott Constable for the west end of the town, and John Perkins Treasurer. Benjamin Edwards Sealer of Leather. John Edwards Surveyor of highways, Ebenezar Batchelder and Samuel Kimball jun for fence viewers, Thomas Fisk and Samuel Fisk Senr. Tithing men.

Joshua Wallis Sworn March 4th 1702-3 —

At a legal town meeting of the free holders and commoners Feb. 11 1702-3 Deacon William Fisk chosen Mod-

erator. Sargent Thomas Patch chosen Representative to attend the next General Court.

Voted that there be six men appointed with full power to look after encraochments and to lay out to every man an acre of swamp land to whom it of right belongeth, who hath not already had it. And Insign Walter Fairfield, Lieut. Thomas Fisk and Ensign Porter to lay out said acres Eastwardly from the country road, to those who live on that end of the town and look after encroachments. And Deacon Nathan Fisk, Deacon Freind, Thomas Fisk Senr. of the west end of the town to lay out said acres there, to whomsoever ought to have an acre. which committe so appointed are not only appointed to lay out said acres and look after encroachments, but to examine every mans claim who joins upon the Common, and settle their bounds,. but if they find any encroachments and cannot regulate their bound then to make report to the next town meeting.

On the above said time of meeting the Selectmen appointed a general town meeting on the first tuesday of March next, ensueing, at eight of the clock in the forenoon at the meeting house, and one of the constables then in the open meeting gave notice of it.

At a general town meeting, march 2nd 1702-3

Deacon Fisk Chosen Moderator.

Deacon Fisk Lieut Thomas Fisk, Ensign Porter, James Freind, Thomas Fisk Sen. Chosen for selectmen for the year ensueing. Thomas Fisk Senr. Chosen Town Clerk and then sworn.

John Gott Chosen Constable for the west end of the town, and Joshua Wallis Chosen Constable for the East end of the town. Ensign Fairfield chosen commission for assessments. John Perkins Chosen for town treasurer. Ensign Fairfield chosen Clerk of the Market and sealer of weights and measures. Benjamin Edwards chosen for sealer of leather. Lieut. Thomas Fisk, Samuel Kimball Senr. and Josiah Dodge chosen for tithing men for the year ensueing. John Edwards for surveyors of highways for the town Eastwardly of the Straits, and Benjamin Fisk for the rest of the town. Ebenexar Batchelder and

Samuel Kimball Jun for fence viewers. The question being put whether all those who are now free holders, shall have an acre of swamp land according to an order Oct 29 1692, it was Voted that all those who are now free holders who have had an acre shall have an acre laid out to them.

Voted — that Zacheus Perkins Shall have all the town common which layeth by Huckle berry Island upon condition that he do pay to the treasurer, three pounds money so it is left the committee already appointed to issue the matter.

Granted to Rice Knowlton, an acre of land upon the west side of his field upon the acpt. of his acre of swamp and to pay to the town treasurer fifteen shillings money, said acre to be laid out by the committe appointed to lay out the swamp acres.

To Mr. Knowlton the 1st lot in the 1st Division —

Wenham Feb 12th 1702-3 We whose names are here under written being a committee appointed by the town to look after encroachments on the common and to lay out to those who had ought to have an acre of common and to lay it out to them on the east side of the Country Road, we begean at the Ipswich line at a maple Stump, being the eighth bound of Thomas Patch lot formerly laid out from thence running southward forty poles to a hemlock on the upland mark which was allso a bounds of the lots formally laid out from thence running easterly twenty poles to a little hemlock marked on four sides being a corner bound. from thence turning northerly forty poles to a pine tree marked on four sides in the Ipswich line, being twenty poles to the bound first mentioned. Which parcel of land was divided into five lots of eight poles wide and twenty poles long setting stakes between every two lots at each end on the first lot in said division to bounds twenty poles on Ipswich Line and the other four lots successively

To Mr. Hull the 2nd lot in the 1st Division —

To David Maxey the 3rd lot in the 1st Division

John Edwards the 4th lot in the first Division

John Coy the 5th lot in the first division —

And the second division we laid out, beginning at the aforesaid pine tree on the Ipswich line marked on four sides on the easterly corner of the first division, we run twenty poles Easterly on Ipswich line, to a Stump Called Dodges Stump, which Stump we made the easterly bounds

of said division, from thence turning southerly as the divisional line between Manchester and our town runneth thirty and two poles to a stake at the upland and from thence turning Southerly twenty poles along by the upland to a maple marked being the westerly corner bounds of said division, from thence turning northerly thirty and two poles to the pine tree first mentioned, in said division, which parcel of land we did divide into four lots an acre in each lot by setting a stake, between each two lots at each end, which four lots are each of them eight poles wide and twenty poles long. The first lot in this division is that which lays next the Ipswich line, and the other three successively.

The first—2nd and 3rd lots in 2nd division — Nathaniel L—? in right of Thomas Fiske

The 4th lot to J. Dodge in right of his farther

The third parcel, we bounded, was in the swamp easterly of Snake hill between the westerly end of the pond and Ipswich line, beginning next the pond, at a birch stump, being the southerly corner bounds, and from thence running North westerly twenty poles to a maple Stump on the upland next to Snake hill. from thence running northerly thirty two poles to maple Stump with a stake in it, from thence turning towards the run twenty poles, to a pine tree marked on four sides being a corner bounds, from thence running Southerly thirty and two poles to the birch Stake first mentioned, which parcel we divided into four lots by setting a stake between each two lots at each end of them, being eight poles wide and twenty long. that next the pond being the first lot, the next successively.

The first lot in 3 division to John Coy in right of C Goldsmith

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To william dodge an acre, which was formerly laid out and not taken up, which layeth westerly from the first division abovesaid, between the Upland and the pond.

Witness Our Hands
Walter Fairfield
Thomas Fisk Junr.
John Porter

At a Legal meeting June 18th 1703

Thomas Fisk Senr. Chosen Moderator.

Benjamin Fisk Chosen to serve on the jury of trials, at the next Instant Court to be holden at Salem.

in persuance of a notification from the selectmen of Wenham to perambulate May 13 1703, we have renewed the bounds, and perambulated the line according to the

perambulation in 1691, persuent to settlement Nov. 6th 1680, provided only that if we of Beverly can enunce or make appear that Said settlement or perambulation being not according to agreement between the Town of Wenham and beverly, dated oct. 22 1680, then to be rectified according to said agreement as witness our hand, June 9 1703 the perambulation was made may 13th but was not confirmed till june 9 1703.

Thomas Fisk
William Fisk
John Porter
James Freind
Thomas Fisk jun selectmen of Wenham.

John Trask Selectmen of
Jacob Griggs
Caleb Wallis Beverly

Sept. 14th 1703 Delivered to Constable John Gott a list to collect for for the payment of a county tax of the sum of 34:12:10 to pay the province treasurer 34: :7 and there being five shillings and 10 pence remaining in the list, is allowed the constable for collecting the list being dated Sept 14, 1703. Allso then delivered to Constable John Gott a list to collect dated Sept. 14 1703 amounting to eleven pounds six shillings and 8 pence to pay the county treasurer 2:9:4 to the town treasurer all money or equivalent to it by the last day of next December.

Then delivered to Constable Joshua Wallis a list to collect dated Sept 14 1703 amounting to 31:4:6 to collect and pay to the province treasurer 29:13

according to said treasurer order and to pay the town treasurer 10s money, and to discount with robert symonds 3:5:6: of his rate and the remainder allowed him for collecting. Then allso delivered to Constable Wallis a list being for the paying of the county treasurer 2:15:4 all money or equivalent to it, to collect and pay to the county treasurer by the last day of december next, and to pay the town treasurer by the twenty eth of October next and the remainder of the list 2:8 is allowed to constable for collecting

Nov. 12th 1703 then delivered to Constable John Gott a list of assesment dated Oct. 25th 1703 of 34:17:00 to

pay the province Treasurer 32 : 14 and to pay the town treasurer one pound fourteen shillings at or before the last day of may next ensueing and the over plus is allowed for collecting. Nov. 16 1703 then delivered to constable Joshua Wallis a list of thirty one pounds eleven Shillings and to pay the province treasurer 31 : 6 : according as he shall be ordered by said treasurer.

Nov 19th 1703– At a legal town meeting Nathl Waldron chosen to seve on the grand jury and n dodge on the jury of trials at the next court in Salem

Dec. 8th 1703 At town meeting James Freind and Richard Dodge to serve at the special term of the court at Salem 10th of this Instant month for the grand jury and Ensign Porter and Josiah Dodge to serve on the jury of trials

Dec. 28th 1703 Then directed a list to Constable John Gott to collect for Mr. Gerrish of 32 : 12 : 11 by warrant to close with the selectmen, at on or before the first of March next. And to Constable Joshua Wallis a list of twenty eight pounds 12s and 7d to collect and claim as assessed allowing 7 ? to Robert Symonds out of his own rate.

Oct 20th 1703 then ordered the town treasurer to pay to Mr. Thomas Patch Representative 6 : 3 : 4 May 6th 1703. and to Robert Symonds 3 : 12, Oct 25 1703

Dec 10. 1702 – then received in full of Mr. John Batchelder, Constable of Wenham 21 : 11 : 0 for the use of James Taylor, province treasurer.

Received by me Jeremiah Allen.

Feb 3rd 1703 then laid out to Charles Gott Jun Ebenezer Batchelder Samuel Kimball Jun. Mr. Fisk Jun 4 acres of swamp joining to Lieut Fisks swamp lying in a course within his upland, beginning at a little maple marked on four sides near the upland and from thence running Southwesterly 10 poles to a red Oak marked and so to run out by the edge of said Fiskes Upland, untill it meets with the bound line of the next division and the following the bounds of that division turning northeasterly to the town line to a little maple marked on four sides and from thence turning northerly about 48 poles

to Thomas Fisks upland and from thence turning Southerly 33 poles to the little maple first mentioned.

Allso then laid out to Theophilus Rix, John Severert Jonathan Moulton and John Moulton, four acres of Swamp upon the town line on the west beginning at the small maple, marked on four sides aforsaid, and from thence running upon said line Southerly 40 poles and then turning easterly to a plump of birches marked and so on 37 1-2 poles, and from thence turning Northerly to lot of Thomas Fisk, his bounds, to a maple marked on four sided, and from thence turning westerly 34 poles to the little maple first mentioned. then allso laid out to Lieut. Thomas Fisk an acre of swamp be it more or less lying in an angle between his upland and the bound line of the lot of lot of swamp last mentioned.

At a town Meeting march 7th 1703.

Ensign Walter Fairfield Chosen Moderator. Deacon Wm Fisk, Deacon James Friend Walter Fairfield Lieut. Thomas Fisk, Sargent Samuel Kimball chosen for selectmen. voted that the town meeting is adjourned to be kept at the tavern, by reason of the extremities of the weather. Thomas Edwards chosen Constable for the East part of the town, and Caleb Kimball Constable for the west end of the town.

Thomas Fisk Senr. chosen Town Clerk for the year ensueing.

John Perkins Chosen for Town Treasurer. Thomas Fisk Senr. chosen Commission join with the selectmen to make the assessment. Ensign Walter Fairfield Chosen for Sealer of Weights and Measures. Joseph Fowler chosen surveyor of highways for the East end of the town and John Herrick for the West end. Nn. Fairfield Chosen Surveyor of fence for the year ensuing. N. Rogers and N Dodge allso. Theophilus Rix, Charles Gott and Thomsas Patch Senr. Chosen for Tithing men for the year ensueing

Caleb Kimball Sworn to the office of constable. Joseph Fowler John Herrich M Fairfield N Rogers and N Dodge and Theophilus Rix sworn to their several offices. Rice Knowlton Sworn Constable for the year ensueing. -Thomas

Edwards refusing to accept of the towns choice and to take the Constable oath the town thereupon chose Rice Knowlton constable for the year ensueing.

At a legal Town meeting March 24 1703 — Deacon Fisk chosen moderator Voted that the town judge necessary to procure a house for Henry More and his wife to live in. voted that there shall be a house procured for Henry More and his wife for one year next, without the towns cost of building it. at a meeting of the committee for the laying out of land at the east end of the town March 12 1702-3 pursuant to a town vote March 2nd instant, then laid out to Rice Knowlton an acre of land, and it is bounded by the south westerly Corner of his field fence with his stone wall and by his fence towards the N East 22 poles to N Dodge Fence, being a corner from thence turning North Eastwardly as said Dodge fence Standeth 8 poles to a stake with stones about it being a corner bounds from thence running southwesterly twenty poles to a stake with stones at it, which is a corner bounds from thence running Southeasterly 8 poles to the corner of his field fence first mentioned

witness Walter Fairfield

March 15 1702-3 Rice Knowlton then paid to the town clerk for the town treasurer fifty shillings money in consideration of the above acre of land.

March 16th 1702 then John Perkins town treasurer received the above fifty shillings as witness his hand

John Perkins town treasurer.

At a meeting of the selectmen April 12th 1703.

Then appointed and desiered John Leach John Gott Joseph Herrick and Benjamin Fisk or any three of them with full power to perambulate the bounds between Salem and Wenham and to meet with Salem gentlemen at John Gotts house on the 20th of april Instant at nine of the clock in the forenoon according to a notification from the Selectmen of Salem. Allso agreed that there shall be a town meeting on Monday the 26th of April instant at three of the clock in the afternoon at the meeting house to choose a commissioner as the law directs and to regu-

late the sheep pound and to do what may be thought necessary about our common land.
Chosen to perambulate the Wenham Line, Mr. Joseph Herrick Capt John Brown Mr. Benjamin Lynde and John Higginson or any two of them to meet at the house of Mr. John gott with the Wenham men tuesday april 20th 1703 at 9 of the clock in the forenoon. per Order of the Selectmen

Salem april 6th 1703. Daniel Epps town clerk
a true coppy Thomas Fisk, town clerk

We whose names are under written being appointed by the selectmen of our towns of Salem and Wenham to perambulate on the line between said towns, we accordingly met at the house of John Gott the twentieth of this instant april, and we have agreed on and confirmed the several bounds agreed on and settled between the said towns on the twenty seventh of February 1681 by the persons then appointed by the towns for that end.
In witness thereof we have hereunto set our hands this 20th of April Anno Domini 1703

John Gott — Joseph Herrick
for Wenham — John Brown for salem
John Leech — John Higginson
Joseph Herrick

a true copy as attested by Thomas Fisk, town Clerk

Joseph Fowler does hereby disclose that for and in consideration of a valuable Sum allready paid in hand by Thomas Edwards, the said Joseph Fowler have sold him an acre of swamp mentioned on the other side being the 3rd Lot in the last division to have and to hold to him the said Thomas Edwards and his heirs forever and in confirmation thereoff the above said Joseph Fowler hath hereunto set his hand June 14th 1703

Joseph Fowler
as Attest Thomas Fisk town clerk.

at a legal town meeting April 26 1703 Thomas Fisk chosen moderator. Mr. Thomas Patch Senr. Chosen for representative for the General Court for the year ensueing. Deacon William Fisk Chosen Commissioner.
at a meeting of the selectmen Let. Samuel Kimball,

Thomas Kimball, Josiah Dodge Benjamin Edwards and Rice Knowlton or any three of them are appointed to meet with such as Beverly Selectmen appoint to perambulate the bound line and renew the bounds between Wenham and Beverly Eastward from the great pond and to meet on may 13th Instant at 8 of the clock in the forenoon at Mr. Luke Perkins house in Beverly.

At a meeting of the Selectmen who where selectmen in 1702 being met with the commissioner to take an account of the estates both real and personal belonging to the inhabitants in our town with the poles and as the law directs were sworn.

at a meeting of the selectmen May 6 1703, the selectmen order the town treasurer to pay 34 shillings to Mr. Patch which is in his hands May 10 1703, at a meeting of the selectmen, Robert Symonds was appointed pound keeper

Manchester April 17th 1702.

to the Selectmen of Wenham Greeting. this is to inform you, that we do appoint Tuesday the 28th of April Instant to renew the bounds between our towns and yours and to meet together at the white Oak marked with W and M, near gardiners lot at 10 of the clock in the forenoon on the day aforesaid if the weather be fair and if fowl then the next fair day at ten of the clock in the forenoon, by order of the Selectmen, John Lee Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Manchester April 17th 1702.

it is agreed that Benjamin Allen and John Knowlton shall perambulate the line between Wenham and Manchester with such gentlemen of Wenham as shall be empowered to do the like, beginning at the white Oak, marked with W and M and so to the Stump called Dodges Stump.

We whose names are under written being appointed by the Selectmen of Manchester to meet with the gentlemen of Wenham on the 28th of april 1702 to perambulate the bounds between Wenham and Manchester, we met in order thereunto and by mutyual consent renewed the white Oak formerly marked W and M and so from thence Northerdly renewed the rest of the bounds between our towns to a stump with a stake in it and stones about it

which stands in Ipswich line which Stump is called by the name of Dodges Stump.

Benjamin Allen Thomas Edwards
John Knowlton Benjamin Edwards

a true coppy attest Thomas Fisk Town Clerk.

At a town meeting march 6th 1704 thomas fisk chosen Moderator

Deacon James Freind Lieut John Porter, Benjamin Edwards Samuel Kimball and Thomas Fisk Senr Chosen for selectmen for the year ensueing

Thomas Fisk Senr. chosen town clerk and the same day sworn. Thomas Fisk Jun Chosen commissioner

John Herrick Constable for the west side of the county road and N. N. Dodge for the east side of the country road but sworn Constable for the whole town, John Herrick having hired him to Serve for him.

John Gott Chosen town treasurer, John Gott chosen Surveyor of highway for the west end of the town and Josiah dodge for the rest of the town, and John Gott the same day Sworn. N N Fairfield, Thomas Edwards and Nathl. Rogers Tithing men and sworn. Ebenezar Batchelder and Samuel Kimball Junr. Chosen Fence viewers (sworn) Josiah Dodge Sworn Sept. 26th 1705

The question being put whether the town would order the Selectmen to make a rate to satisfy for town highways it was voted in the negitive.

At a meeting of the commoners march 6th 1704-5

Voted by the commoners that Thomas Fisk Senr is appointed moderator in our commoners meeting abovesaid.

Voted that all the commoners in our town shall have an equal share for quantity and quality in whatever division they shall agree to make.

Samuel Kimball Senr. entered his desent.

voted that all convenient highways shall be provided for first, then that all our common land shall be divided according to the rule already agreed on.

voted that the commoners shall meet again at the meeting house tomorrow the 7th of March at 9 of the clock in the morning to prosecute the above said division of our common land.

March 7th 1704-5. voted that all convenient ways shall be first provided for to accomodate every division and then that all our common lands shall be divided according to the rule allready agreed upon.
voted that all our commoners shall tie themselves together by eight common rights further and that the commoners together shall have power to choose one of themselves chosen by each division for making the abovesaid division and setting out to every company so agreeing, an equal part of every several piece and parcel of our common land that shall remain, when they have first set out and staked convenient highways for the use of our inhabitants, after it shall be divided, as allso to divide by drawing lots for which division or part shall belong to every eight shares of common rights, and allso that every eighth as above said shall satisfy the the person severally, by them chosen for their Labour. And in case any shall refuse to act, as above said in joining with others to prosecute the division the division abovesaid.
Then the commoners by their majority vote shall choose meet persons to tie them together by Eights as will as they can, and allso to take care that they shall have their equal shares set out as any other above said, which notwithstanding remain to be accounted Common untill they make just satisfaction to those that have been employed about the division and as abovesaid.
And in case any eight shall disagree in useing their parts together or refuse to divide between themselves to satisfaction, the commoners at their meeting shall choose three indifferent men to make and set out to any one that shall be agreived with his equal of every several division belonging to such eighth rights and the cost to be defrayed by the whole eighth. And it is allso agreed and determined that there shall be laid out for every eight commoners sued together as aforesaid, one lot in each parcel of woodland and likewise in parcel of common land in said town where the wood is allready much wasted and taken from it, and the division between the land called wood land and other land is to be made by the persons that shall be appointed out of each eight men.

Voted that it shall not be lawful for any person or persons whatever to fell or cut or cary off any wood or timber upon anv part of our common until the division agreed upon and entered be perfected, or for the space of twelve months from this present date upon the penalty of ten shillings for every tree under a foot over at the stump so felled or cut or caryed away; to be forfeited to the use of the commoners to be recovered before any justice of peace before whom the case shall be prosecuted by any person who shall be empowered by the commoners. the wood and timber allready felled or cut up or wrought into timber is exempted.

Voted that the town Clerk is Chosen Clerk of the commoners to enter their several lots and divisions in the town books and grant out coppies as there shall be occasion

Voted that Ensign Fairfield, Serjant Thomas Patch and Thomas Fisk Senr. are appointed a committe to take notice of all claims that shall be made of any person to a right of commonage in our town and to make report thereof to the commoners at their meeting

Voted that there shall be a commoners meeting on tuesday next at one of the clock in the afternoon at the meeting house.

At a meeting of the commoners March 13 1704

We whose names are underwritten, finding several persons that claims a right or several rights upon the account of old Cellars or Cottages in old ten acre lots, whereoff three or four are now within our small living, although they cannot produce deeds of conveyance the which to allow would be very unjust but finding the rule which is agreed on to decide by, was to give to all those that the town have allowed to be Commoners as good and as large a share, as any that have a right by law. We said no damage to the one part nor profit to the other wether they had more rights than one or not. And so we allowed none but what are in our town book and those allowed by the town.

Voted that there shall be a commoners meeting at the meeting house on the 26th day of March Instant at 12 of the clock. Thomas Fisk.

Walter Fairfield and Thomas Patch

March 15th 1704 Then received of the town treasurer for the town upon the account of the bell, the sum of twenty six pounds, one shilling seven pence — Witness my hand John Porter.

Wenham January 12th. 1704-5

Whereas we the free holders being commoners having by law a right to order and dipose of our undivided land in our town have formally endeavoured to preserve the wood and timber upon it for the use and benefit of us and those that may succeed us, but finding all that hitherto has been done and and all that we understand how to contrive to do., will not prevent the sudden and unmanageable ruin of the town by the unjust and unreasonable waiste that is dav bv day made by carrying the wood and timber out of town and allso by the improvident using of it in common; and therefore for the preserving of the little that is left we do see a necessity forthwith to divide all our common land except such as the majority part of the commoners being met together shall cause to be forever for the use of the public. And we whose names are hereunto Subscribed do agree and consent that the said Common land in our town shall be divided amongst the commoners of our town according as it shall be agreed unto by the majority part of the commoners being orderly met together. And all things that are necessary to be acted both for the matter and manner of said division shall be determined and settled by the majority part of the commoners that then shall meet together, And further we do agree that upon notice in writing under the hands of two of the selectmen for the time and place of meeting for the doeing of what is above specified, shall be sufficient notice and warning for said meeting.

his	Benjamin Fisk	Stephen Patch
Richard T Hutton	David Batchelder	Daniel Killam
mark	Jonathan S Moulton	John Dennis
Tobias T Trow	his mark —	Samuel Kemball
his mark —	Mordecai W Larcom	Junr.
John Porter	his mark —	Josiah Dodge
Isaac Hull	Joseph Herrick	Thomas Patch
in behalf of his	John + Herrick	Josiah Dodge in be-
father	his mark —	half of his brother
Robert Symonds	Joseph O Hooker	John Dodge
William Rogers	his mark	Joshua Wallis

Charles Gott Junr
Thomas Fisk Junr.
Ebenezar Batchelder
John Batchelder
Nath'l Dodge
Joseph Batchelder
William Fairfield
William Fisk Junr.
John Leach
Thomas Fisk
John Perkins
Theophilus Fisk
John O Berry
his mark —
Joseph Fowler
David Maxsill
Henry L Haggit
his mark —
Zacheus Goldsmith
Walter Fairfield
Richard R Dodge
his mark —
Benjamin Edwards
Thomas Edwards
Rice Knowlton
Nathaniel Waldron
John /\ Barr
his mark

this is a true entry of the Subscription as is abovesaid

Thomas Fisk Town Clerk

Wenham Jan 7 1704-5 — Pursuant to an order of the commons March 7 1704-5 the committee did lay out a parcel of common land at the east end of the town into nine divisions in March 1704-5 and staked the bounds of each division as follows.

The first division or lot begins at a stake with a heap of stones about it on the side of Stony Brook 3 poles southward from a great Stub Oak on the north side of the way by the side of said brook and from thence southwardly to longham Meadow to the red Oak with a heap of stones about it and from thence turning easterly 50 poles to a stub of a red Oak with a heap of stones thence turning northwardly to the highway to a stake with a heap of stones about it and from thence turning northerly to the bounds first mentioned.

The second division is bounded westwardly by the first lot and northerly upon the highway to a stake 45 poles to the turn of the highway Southerly to turnip Bridge to a stump with a stake in the middle of it at the East end of the bridge southerly of said bridge, leaving the highway three poles wide all along between Coys bounds and said lot and thence turning Southerly to the head of Raccoon Marsh and then Northerly and then westerly by the edge of Raccoon Marsh, and so by the edge of said marsh to a red Oak stubb by longham Meadow with a heap of Stones about it.

And the 3rd lot or division is bounded beginning from raccoon Marsh upon boundary line 74 poles to a stake with a heap of Stones about it, thence northerly to the

highway to a white oak stump marked, 75 poles northeasterly of said Stump to the east end of turnip bridge.
The fourth lot or division beginning at the above above said white oak stubb marked and thence to capt Wests farm on the side of the highway as it now goes, and thence southerly upon capt. wests bounds to gravelly Ridge and thence to a white Oak marked WW and thence to the Southeast corner bounds of the common and thence turning westwardly upon boundary bounds as the line of township goes to a stake with a heap of stones about it which is the bounds allso of the third lot.
the fifth lot or division beginneth at Capt Wests line on the northerly side of the highway and from thence 34 poles, allowing the highway 3 poles wide as it now goeth to turnip Bridge to a stake with a heap of stones about it by a Black Stump and northerly by Manchester line from the Common bounds of the common 44 poles to a red Oak marked.
The sixth lot or division boundeth upon Manchester line and from the stake marked for the fifth lot 42 poles to a double maple marked on four sides and on the southerly end next the highway 36 poles from the fifth lot to a white Oak marked with a heap of stones about it leaving the highway three poles wide
The 7th lot or division is bounded upon the highway from the white Oak marked with a heap of stones about it being the westerly corner of the sixth lot at the highway 35 poles towards turnup bridge to a stake and heap of stones about it and thence northerly to a white Oak marked forty poles westwardly from the double maple marked for the west bounds of the sixth lott and so on to the Manchester line.
The bounds of the Eighth division or lot of land. it bounds upon the highway from a stake with a heap of stones about it being the bounds of the seventh division from thence westerly to turnup Bridge leaving the highway three poles wide and from thence turning northerly, bounded upon John Coys land and the east end of the pond untill it comes to some acre lots formerly laid out, and so to Dodges Stump, containing all the common land

between the seventh division Easterly and — Coys Bounds westerly and the highway Southerly and Ipswich and Manchester line Northerly,
the ninth lot beginning at a stake with stones about it standing on the north side of the highway by the turn of it going towards turnup Bridge, said Stake standing by John Coys fence on the west side of Coys field, thence by the highway side as the way now goeth leaving the highway 3 poles wide untill it cometh to a Red Oak Stub by Stoney brook with a heap of stones about it, thence northerly to a walnut tree which is Rice Knowltons bounds all the common land between the Ipswich line and the bounds above named is the ninth lot of land as it was laid out by the committee

At a meeting of the commoners march 26th 1704-5 The lots were drawn as the committee was appointed to stake out the several divisions March 13 1704-5
The names of the committee appointed to measure and stake out each division of our common for the free holders and commoners suited together. they made choice of Isaac Hull for the second division — Benjamin Edwards for the third, they refusing to choose the commoners at a meeting made choice of William Dodge, for the 4th Walter Fairfield, For the fifth William Rogers For the sixth Josiah Dodge, For the 7th Samuel Killam For the eighth Thomas Fisk Junr. For the ninth they refusing to choose, the commoners appointed Rice Knowlton.

the names of the men who were appointed by each division of commoners to draw the several lots. For the first lot John Dennis For the second Thomas Patch for the third John Porter for the fourth Walter Fairfield For the fifth Thomas Patch for the sixth Samuel Fisk Junr. For the 7th Ephraim Kemball for the eighth Nathanl Fairfield For the ninth Joseph Fowler

The names of the committee who signed their return — Walter Fairfield — Thomas Fisk Junr — William Dodge — Rice Knowlton Josiah Dodge — Benjamin Edwards Isaac Hull in behalf of his father

At a legal Town Meeting May 9th 1704, Thomas Fisk Sen, Chosen Moderator Deacon William Fisk chosen to

Represent at the town at the next great and general court to be kept at Boston.
Allso voted that no sheep belonging to any inhabitant of our town shall go at liberty upon any part of our town common without a keeper.
thomas edwards petioning the town to remit his fine due to the town for refusing to take the constables oath, being chosen by the town to office on March 8th last past. the town grants his request allways provided he shall pay the just Cost which has been all ready expended by the Selectmen in prosecuting him for said default at Ipswich Court last. Allso May 9th 1704 the Selectmen do appoint Robert Symonds pound Keeper for the town for the year ensueing.
Sept. 4th 1704 At a meeting of the Selectmen Committed to constable Rice Knowlton a list of 65–6–00 — £64: of it for the province treasury, five shillings and six pence of it to be paid the town treasurer for the use of the town and $10^{s}: 06^{d}$ allowed him for collecting of it.
Then committed to Constable Caleb Kimball a list of 66 : 5 : : 06 — 64£ of it to be paid to the province treasurer and 35 to be paid to the town Treasurer for the use of the town and ten shillings and 6 pence allowed him for collecting of it.
Committed a town rate the 6th of september 1704 to constable Caleb Kimball of 6–15–9 —$^{£}6: 10^{s}$ to be paid to the town treasurer and the rest allowed him for collecting of it.
The same day committed to Constable Rice Knowlton a town rate of 6–7–10 to pay into our town treasurer $6^{£}: 2^{s}$ at or before the 20th of October next and the rest allowed him for collecing of it.
At a town meeting Oct. 31st 1704 Thomas Patch Sen is chosen to serve on the grand jury and John Barr and John Coy to serve on the jury of trials, at the next superior court in Salem. William Fisk, Walter Fairfield.

Aug 15th 1705 — Constable Rice Knowlton, Samuel Kemball, Thomas Kemball — Selectmen — having paid to the town treasurer 2£–18s– Mr. Gott — 2s–8d J. Perkins, Treas.

Nov 22nd 1704 At a meeting of the Selectmen then ordered the town treasurer to pay to Mr. Thomas Patch five pounds, ten shillings money in ful for his service for the town and as representative at the general court in the year 1702 and in the year 1703 in full satisfaction for his sevice.

Dec. 6th 1704 Constable Joshua Wallis has paid to the full, which he was ordered to by the selectmen. John Perkins town treasurer.

A true Entry Thomas Fisk Clerk.

Wenham Town — Debtor to Sargent Patch

To his attendance at the General Court in the year 1689–
4 weeks $2^{£}–00^{s}–00^{d}$

To his going to the General Court 14th March — 1692/3
to prefer a petition $10^{s}–00$
for taking the Doom — $10^{s}–00$

For his services which he did at the General Court in the 1692, when he went as representative for the town —
4 weeks at 2s–p.d $4^{£}:18:00$

Contra credit

By remaining due to the town for land bought of them in pay $2^{£}–$ as money $^{£}1–6^{s}–8^{d}$

By due to the town for a confirmation of land which he had of Thomas Hobbs which land said Hobbs did improve in the towns right in pay
£2–as money $1^{£}–6^{s}–8^{d}$

By money of Constabe Thomas Kimball 0:8:4

B. timber which he had of the town's which he sold 1:4:0

4:5:8

The above is a true account of debt and credit which I deliver to the committee appointed to adjust accounts — with particular persons as witness

Ap. 18 — 1693 — my hand Thomas Patch

A true entry of the original account, Attest Thomas Fisk Town Clerk. Boston Sept. 24th 1705. Received of Mr. Rice Knowlton Constable of Wenham by the hand of Mr. John Knowlton, fourteen pound and nineteen

shillings, and Six pence in full received for Mr. James Taylor Treasurer

per jeremiah allen

A true entry, Attest Thomas Fisk Town Clerk.

November 24th 1704 Charles Gott Jun and William Fisk Junr both of Wenham do hereby Own that they have fully and absolutely bargained and sold to Samuel Fisk Junr of the same town all their right and Interest in a parcel of swamp land laid out to four men by a committee appointed by the town, which parcel of land containeth four acres, be it more or less as it was laid out Feb 3rd 1703 to the above said Charles Gott and William Fisk, Ebenezar Batchelder and Samuel Kemball Jun as it standeth entred in this book of records. To have and to hold the abovesaid one half of said parcel to him the aforesaid Samuel Fisk and his heirs forever for which the above Said Charles Gott and William Fisk do hereby own and acknowledge them selves fully satisfied by securing the payment to them according to bargain to them content and in confirmation thereof the above said Charles Gott and William Fisk have hereunto set their hands,

Charles Gott Jun

Attest Thomas Fisk, Town Clerk.

William Fisk Jun

Nov 24th 1704 Samuel Kemball Junr. of Wenham do hereby own and acknowledge that we have fully and absolutely bargained and sold to Ebenezar Batchelder of the same town all his rights and interest in a parcel of swamp laid out to him the said Samuel Kimball Charles Gott Jun Ebenezar Batchelder and William Fisk by a committee appointed by the town as it standeth entered in this book of records on the 3rd of feb. 1703-4 to have and to hold the one quarter part being one acre be it more or less, to him the aforesaid Ebenezar Batchelder and his heirs forever. for which acre of land the aforesaid Samuel Kimball does hereby own and acknowledge himself fully satisfied and paid to content according to agreement and in confirmation thereof the abovesaid Samuel has hereunto set his hand, Samuel Kimball — Attest Thomas Fisk Clerk.

Dec 4th 1704 Jonathan Moulton of Wenham does hereby own and acknowledge that he has fully and absolutely bargained sold and set out unto Theophilus Fisk all his right in a parcel of swamp land laid out to Theophilus Rix, John Moulton, John Seward and the above said Jonathan Moulton, containing four acres as it was laid out on the 3rd day of Feb in the year 1703 and then recorded in this book of records, his right being one fourth part — to have and to hold to him the aforesaid Theophilus Fisk and his heirs forever for which acre of Swamp land the above said Jonathan Moulton does hereby own himself fully paid according to bargain and in confirmation of what is above written he has hereunto set his hand

his
Attest Thomas Fisk Town Clerk Jonathan L Moulton
mark

Wenham October 31st 1704 Whereas formerly there was a highway laid out by an agreement of the propritors of the land on which it was, at the west end of our town and for as much as the said agreement was not perfected and —— completed for a sufficient settlement of the said Highway, there having since happened such differences as could not be accomadated amongst themselves so that there have been several necessary complaints by several of the inhabitants of our town made unto us the subscribers hereof for want of a highway to come to the town to the meeting and about their necessary ocasions requesting us to lay out the said highway, we finding it of necessity to be done

And at a meeting of Selectmen October 16th 1704 we laid out a highway to accomodate the said Inhabitants. beginning at the country road at the southwest corner of Lieut John Porters his orchard, formerly Mr. Newmans and staking it out two poles in breadth on the side of said Porter his fence unto Samuel Kimbal his land, which was formerly Samuel Moultons, and so we went to the west end of our town and laid out the said highway in the same place where it hath formerly been, and now is used for a way for the proprietors and any others to use

as a highway we laid out said way two poles or rods wide. but wher we found it fenced on both sides, although it wanted two or three feet, we did not order the fence to be removed, and after the aforesaid manner, said highway is laid out, from the county road, first mentioned, until it comes past joseph hachers, fenced land near his house, unto the cart gate, where the said highway ends.
the aforesaid highway with respect to Gates and fences by bars on the same on just and equal satisfaction for any of the damage which the propritors of the land may sustain thereby is left to be done as occasion shall serve, as the law directs. We do hereby order the town clerk to enter the above, written in the town book

Witness our hands Walter Fairfield James Freind
Thomas Fisk Jun selectmen
Thomas Fisk Town Clerk Samuel Kemball

This may certify that John Gott, Costable, has satisfied for the note committed to him to collect from the Selectmen for the minister in Wenham for 1703

Joseph Gerrish
A true entry — attest
Thomas Fisk town clerk
Augt 11 1705.

November 2nd 1704 Then delivered to Constable Rice Knowlton a tax upon poles and estates to pay to Mr. Gerrish twenty eight pounds four shillings and six pence for his Salary

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 6th 1703 the Selectmen Order the town treasurer to pay to Mr. Patch 34 shillings which is in his hands Pr Order of the Selectmen.
Thomas Fisk Town Clerk

May the 6th 1703 Received of Mr. Perkins 34 Shillings By virtue of the above order from the Selectmen as witness my hand Thomas Patch The above is a true copy
Attest William Fairfield Clerk

By these presents I do discharge Caleb Kimball Constable for the year 1704 for that part of my rate which he was oblidged to collect as witness my hand
Joseph Gerrish

At a legal town meeting, March 5th 1705-6
Thomas Fisk sen. Chosen Moderator
John Gott, Thomas Kemball Thomas Patch, Deacon Friend and Nathaniel Fairfield Chosen Selectmen. William Fairfield Chosen Town Clerk for the year ensueing, and at the same time sworn,
William Rogers Chosen Constable for the west end of the town, and Thomas White fior the east end, both sworn the same day.
John Herrick chosen surveyors of Highways westward of the straights and John Barr for the rest of the town, and both sworn.
For tithing men Joseph Batcchelder and Zacheus Goldsmith and Sworn John Gott and Joshua Wallis chosen for fence viewers and sworn. also Charles Gott Junr. Chosen. Ensign Walter Fairfield Chosen and Confirmed Sealer of Weights and measures. Capt Thomas Fisk Chosen Town Treasurer. and Sworn. for Field drivers Caleb Kimball and William Fairfield

To the Constable of Wenham Greeting, you are in her majesty name required to warn and give notice to all the free holders and those that are qualified by law to vote in town affairs that they meet together at the meeting house on the first tuesday of March next ensuéing at eight o'clock in the forenoon to transact the affairs of the said town as the law requires and what else shall be thought needfull and thereof make return,

Per order of the Selectmen
Wenham dated Feb 2nd 1705 Thomas Fisk town clerk
a true coppy attest
William Fairfield town clerk

I have warned the inhabitants of our town, according to the within written warrant
witness my hand William Dodge Constable of Wenham
Pursuant to the order of the free holders being Commoners and propritors of the common land in our town bearing Date March 6th 1704-5 whereby we whose names are hereunto Subscribed did Nov 28 1705 begin to measure and lay out our common land called the greate Swamp, into Nine divisions viz; to every division Eight Common

Rights and in order thereunto we began at the spring on the Ipswich line and measured 160 poles easterly and from thence squared a line to the south side of said swamp 160 poles from the fence on the Great meadow and upon said line we layed out and started a highway, one pole and one half wide and began to number lots, the west part of every division from Ipswich line and allso the east part lying on the east side of said highway we bagan to number from the Ipswich line.

The first division beginneth upon the Ipswich line on the wast side of said highway and is from a maple tree on the Ipswich line marked on four sides and one with a marking Iron thirty one poles to a beach stump, marked on the west side of the highway and is in breadth twenty seven poles from the spring on the Ipswich line to a maple marked one with a marking Iron.

And the second division is from the beach stump to a small pine marked two and is twenty six poles in breadth at the highway and at the west end joining to the great meadow twenty six poles from the first to a maple marked on four sides and two with a marking Iron.

The bounds of the third lot is to a maple marked on four sides twenty six poles at the west end and twenty six poles at the highway, from the second lot to a hollow pine marked on four sides and three with a marking Iron

The fouth lot twenty six poles in breadth at the highway to a great maple marked 4 with a marking Iron, and at the west end twenty seven poles in breadth to a pine marked on four sides.

The bounds of the fifth lot is a maple bush marked on four sides and from the fourth at the west end and at the highway twenty six poles wide to a little beach marked five.

The sixth lot is twenty seven poles wide to a little beach marked six at the highway and at the west end twenty eight to a maple marked on four sides.

The seventh lot is twenty seven poles wide at the west end to a maple marked on four sides and at the highway twenty eight poles wide to a little pine marked seven

The Eighth lot is thirty poles wide at the the highway

to a little maple marked eight and at the west end twenty nine poles to a birch marked on four sides.
The ninth lot is forty six poles wide at the West end to a maple marked which includes Taylors Fisks 2 acres and thence down Southerly upon Deacon Fisks land down to the highway including all the common land.
The bounds of the divisions on the east side of the highway are as follows. the first begins at Ipswich line and from thence fifteen poles wide at the highway to a birch marked one, and bearing the same width down to pleasant pond.
The second lot is sixteen poles wide from the birch at the highway to a little beach marked two, and thence running Eastward the same width to a hemlock marked two and so to the pond, if there be common land enough.
The third division is eighteen poles wide at the highway to a maple marked and at the east end eighteen poles to a buttonwood tree, marked taking in all the common land that breadth as far as it goeth.

The fourth division is eighteen poles wide at the highway to a pine marked four, and at the east end the same width to a pine tree marked four and so running on to the outside of the common land.

The fifth division is in breadth from the fourth at the highway twenty poles to a maple marked five and at the east end to a hemlock marked five, and so to the end of the common,

The sixth lot is bounded at the highway 20 poles in breadth to a pine marked 6 and at the east end to a pine at the corner of Wildmans Neck, marked 6 and so on to the end of the common.

The bounds of the seventh lot is upon the highway 45 poles to a hemlock marked 7 upon wolf Island and easterly forty poles from a little pine marked in the corner of wildmans neck to a hemlock marked 7.

The bounds of the eighth lot is from the seventh lot upon the highway fifty three poles to a little maple marked 8 and eastward to a hemlock standing by Thomas Kemballs land marked eight, all the common land between said bounds and Samuel Kemballs bounds, reserv-

ing what soever therein Robert Symonds have right unto.

The bounds of the ninth lot is all the common land between the 8th lot and a hemlock stumpt about 10 poles northward from John Batchelders fence and allso southerly by said Batchelders which was laid out to him by the Selectmen and from his westernmost bounds in Benjamin Fisks fence, turning thence to a maple marked which is the corner of the westerly ninth lot, leaving a a highway 2 poles wide. all the rest belongs to the 9th lot on the east allways provided the two divisions of lots are to be accounted but one, and are to be coupled together as followeth.

the first lot on the west hath the 7th on the east belonging to it, and
the second on the west hath the ninth on the east,
the third on the west hath the eighth on the east,
the fourth on the west hath the fourth on the east
the fifth on the west hath the fifth on the east.
the sixth on the west hath the 6th on the east
the 7th on the west hath the third on the east
the eighth on the west hath the second on the east
the ninth on the west hath the first on the east.
which nine divisions containe all the common land belonging to the great swamp, and are laid out by us the subscribers being a committee chosen by the commoners for said service, Witness our hands Dec 6th 1705

Walter Fairfield
Thomas Fisk Junr–
Rice Knowlton
Isaac Hull
Nⁿ Rogers
Nⁿ Dodge
Samuel Killam
Josiah Dodge

Those who drew lots, and had the first lot of common at the east end of our town March 26 1705 drew the seventh division in the swamp.

Dec 9, 1705

those who drew the second in the east drew all the second in the swamp.

those who drew the third lot for the east drew the fifth for the swamp
those who drew the fourth at the east drew seventh for the swamp
those who drew the fifth for the east drew the sixth for the swamp
those who drew the sixth for the east drew the fourth for the swamp.
those who drew the seventh for the east, drew the eighth for the swamp.
those who drew the eighth for the east drew the ninth for the swamp,
those who drew the ninth for the east drew the third for the swamp.

At a meeting of the Selectmen Dec 8th 1705
Then laid out a highway into the great swamp from the open highway at the west end of our town through Sargent John Batchelders land within thirty poles easterly from his house, to be a convenient highway for carts and to drive cattle from time to time, together with half an acre of land for a landing place to lay wood and timber as there shall be occasion to be on the east side of the highway at the swamp side, twelve poles in length from the high way and seven poles in breadth by the waysside. said Batchelder is to keep convenient bars upon said waye from time to time, and for satisfaction the selectmen have laid him out about three acres of swamp land which is in full and to his content. Beginning at the said Batchelders meadow and thence northward to a hemlock stump at the edge of Thomas Kimballs Island, which allso is the bounds of the ninth lot of swamp and from thence westerly to a stake and heap of stones — about forty poles from said stump which is about fifteen poles northerly from a red oak marked standing in said Batchelders fence at his bars and from thence westerly to a stake and heap of stones in benjamin fisks fence being allso the corner bounds of deacon fisks and Benjamin Fisks acres of swamp, including all the common swamp lying Southerly from said line.

Know all men by these presents that whereas we whose

names are under written thomas Fisk senr on the one part and Thomas Kimball on the other part have each of them received a grant or division of land. viz. to said Thomas Fisk a division or lot in the great swamp called the first division as it is entered and recorded in this book of records dec 9th 1705 and said Thomas Kimball had a grant in the ninth division at the east end of our town as it standeth recorded allso in this book of records, laid out according to an order of the commoners march 7th 1704, we the above named have exchanged each with the other and do for ourselves and our heirs forever make over each to the other and confirm this their exchange of the above said grants or lots of said lands and in consequence confirmation thereof have set our hands

March 5th 1705 Thomas Fisk
Attest William Fairfield Thomas Kimball
Town Clerk

At a general Town meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of Wenham March 5 — 1705 — It is agreed and voted as followeth that whereas the propritors and commoners of our town, have divided our great Commons swamps — and allso a great part of the upland at the east end of our Town Each piece into nine divisions — and have also — granted and settled one division in —— unto each company of Commoners as they are suited together and allowed by us: to have eight common rights together, and whereas there are some in our town, that dispute the legality of our commoners acts, and so are likely to raise law suits and contentions, we do there fore give and grant to every several company of eight common rights as they are joined together in the list of our commoners that parcel of common land whereof they are allready possessed by the vote and acts of the commoners — as by their records it is stated and bounded to have & to hold as a free gift of the town, and to be divided amongst them (when anyone of the eight shall be agreed of it) either by themselves if they can agree, or by a committee chosen by the town to be suited to every several commoner for his right or rights as they are allready allowed and stated, to each an equal share or part for advantage

and quality as near as can be, and that the said division and boundarys of every person rights be recorded in our town book — of Records for lands by the Town Clerk which record so made shall be sufficient title from the town to any one to whom it Shall be recorded.

the above entry as it is recorded was agreed and voted by the town march 5 1705 and then Capt. Thomas Fisk, Walter Fairfield, John Gott Josiah Batchelder John Batchelder and William Rogers were chosen any three of them to be a committe pursuant to the above order

Attest William Fairfield
Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the free holders and commoners Nov 30th 1705

Thomas Fisk Senr– Chosen Moderator

Voted that the town treasurer shall prosecute against Samuel Stone for trespass on our common for cutting and felling wood and timber yhe last winter

Voted — that there shall be a meeting of the free holders and commoners in our town at the meeting house on the next monday commencing at 9 o'clock in the forenoon to do what shall be found necessary to be done.

At a legal meeting dece 9th 1705 of the free holders and commoners, Ensign Fairfield Chosen Moderator.

Voted — that whereas the commoners agreed to suit 8 common rights together and it happened that in the prosecution of it there was but seven that could be disposed of by the commoners which company drew the third lot in March last and there being one single right in that division undesposed of at the east end of our town the town clerk shall enter in our town book that there is said single right still at the commoners disposing, as allso that whatever lot said company shall now draw, there will be a singl right at the commoners disposal.

Voted that the town will join with the propritors of land in the highways at the west end of our town in the choice of a committee of indifferent persons to judge and determine in what satisfaction each particular propritor ought to have for his damage allways provided said propritors do all jointly agree thereunto under their hands some time

before our next town meeting in March next ensueing.

at a meeting of the Selectmen May 24th 1705
then laid out and started a highway to accommodate Joseph Herrick and John Herrick to come to the highway which the Selectmen laid out in Oct 16th 1704, beginning at said highway through John Leach land to Goodman Hackers fence at the head of his field on the upper side of his cross fence, and thence crossing said Hackers land to Goodman Berrys Pasture, thence crossing his pasture to Joseph Herrich's pasture and thence running across to john herricks land. said Highway to be one pole and one half wide with gates agreed on. Viz to John Berry two gates and to Goodman Haiker one gate to be Kept from time to time good and convenient for cattle to pass through.

And allso laid out to Goodman Berry two acres and thirty six poles of common land the westerly side of goodman Leaches 4 acre lot laid out to him 32 poles in lenghth from Joseph Herricks land and in breadth about 10 poles wide at each end

Allso to goodman Haiker the same length next Goodman Berrys lot and in breadth twelve poles all which is in full satisfaction

Dec. 10th 1705 John Herrick John Gott, Joseph Herriick, and John Berry who are suited together with Thomas Edwards, Benjamin Edwards, Mordeca Larcom and Rice Knowlton in the second division at the east end of the town and allso in the second division of the great Swamp.

these are therefor to testify that we John Gott, Joseph Herrick, John Herrick and John Berry on the one part, and Thomas Edwards and benjamin edwards, Mordeca Larcom and Rice Knowlton on the other part do hereby for ourselves and our heirs forever make and hereby confirm an exchange of our several rights in each division. viz. Thomas Edwards, Benjamin Edwards Rice Knowlton and Modeca Larcom do hereby freely fully and absolutely exchange and make over and confirm all our rights and shares in our abovesaid 2nd division in the great swamp, for and in consideration of theirs. viz John Gott Joseph Herrick John Herrick and John Berry on the one part

and Thomas Edwards, Benjamin Edwards, Rice Knowlton and Mordeca Larcom on the other, have hereunto Set their hands

Thomas Edwards
Rice Knowlton
Benjamin Edwards
Mordica W Larcom
his mark
John Gott

John Herrick
Joseph Herrick
his
John ⟨ Berry
mark

At a legal town Meeting May 10th 1705, Deacon Fisk Chosen Representative to serve at the next general Court. Ensign Fairfield and Thomas Fisk Senr. are chosen to serve on the grand jury at the superior court at Ipswicjh. Lieut Porter and Deacon Freind chosen to serve on the jury of trials

at a commoners meeting March 13th there was then given in a list of commones as they are suited together with persons appointed to stake out said common into divisions acording to a former agreement of the commoners as may appear on record

these lots were drawn, Dec 9th, 1705

Walter Fairfield
Richard Hutton
Thomas Fisk Senr
John Barr
Josiah Dodge
David Batchelder
Robert Symons
Robert Symonds Junr.

the first lot (In the swamp — laid out Dec. 9– 1705)

Which by lot is the 4th division as it was laid out by the committee

Mr. Gerrish	1 share	the 5th
Lt. John Porter	3 "	lot
Thomas White	1 "	in the
Theophilus Fisk	1 share	Swamp —
Widow Cue	1 share	Drawn Dc 9 1705

Which by lot is the Third division as laid out by the committee.

Thomas Fisk Junr two shares

N Fairfield	two shares	the 9th
Nathaniel Waldron		lot in the swamp
and for		Drawn Dec 9th 1705
Abbys living	two shares	which by lot is the
N dodge	one share	third division
Zacheus Goldsmith	one share	of land as it was laid
		out by the committee

Samuel Fisk junr
Ruth Dodge for her husband estate
Mary Dodge for her husbands est.
Henry Haggett
N^{n} Knowlton
Samuel Fisk Senr.
Jonathan Moulton
Benjamin Fisk
the 4th lot in the swamp drawn, Dec 9–1705
which by lot is the sixth division

Richard Dodge
Thomas Patch sen
John Perkins
Tobias Trow
Charles Gott jun
Daniel Killam
Stephen Patch in the right of brother Thomas
N^{n} Rogers for his freehold the 6th lot in the Swamp as drawn Deec. 9–1705, which by lot is the fifth division as it was laid out by the committee

Joseph Batchelder
Ephraim Kimball
Caleb Kimball
Theophilus Rix
Samuel Killam in the right of the whole farm on which his farther now— with joshua wallis
David Maxwell
Timothy Patch
The 8th lot in the Swamp, as drawn Deec–9–1705, which by lot is the seventh division as it was laid out by the committee.

at a meeting of the Selectmen, March 5th 1705 reconed with Caleb Kimball for town rates and committed to him and upon the ballance he is to eight shillings to the town treasurer.

At a meeting of the selectmen Dec 7th 1705 then they agreed with Joseph Fowler Senr to entertain Henry More and his wife untill the first day of May next at his house, and to allow him houseroom, firewood and small beer for thirty and five shillings, to be paid him by the town treasurer,

Joseph Fowler.

Dec 4th 1705 Then laid out by the selectmen to Robert Symonds in the right of some salem men whose right said symonds may be supposed to have purchased, about five acres of meadow land in the great Swamp, beginning at a rock on the edge of Wildmans Neck and from thence running southerly 44 poles to a stake and from thence westerly 33 poles to a little tree marked on four sides and from thence turning northerly 28 poles to a little maple marked on four sides, and from thence turning easterly to the rock at the shore 16 poles.

The seventh lot in the swamp as drawn Dec. 9–1705
The names of the first division as they were suited together
Mr. Hull
John Bachelder
John Dennis
Samuel Kemball Junr.
Ebenezar Batchelder
Nⁿ Fisk Junr.
John Leach
Joseph Hacker

The second division of the swamp, as drawn Dec. 9 1705
The names of the men who were suited together into the second division.
Benjamin Edwards
Thomas Edwards
Rice Knowlton
Mordeca Larcom

John Gott
Joseph Herrick
John Herrick
John Bery

The 3rd lot in the Swamp drawn Dec. 9–1705
the names of the men who were suited together into the 9th division.
Deacon N Fisk
Joseph Fowler
Janes Freind
Samuel Kemball Junr–
John Coy
Thomas Kemball
John Stewart
John Edwards.

Which lots were drawn by the committee appointed to draw in March last, and by each company now Dec 9 1705

At a meeting of the selectmen Aug 4th 1705 — Then made a tax amounting to one hundred and thirty two pounds nine shillings and 1 penny. To pay the province treasurer 128 pounds and four pound to the town treasurer and nineteen shillings allowed the Constable for collecting said tax. Ordered that Zacheus Goldsmith Shall Keep 12 in his hands of the ballance 3:7:0 made by the Selectmen with him as he was constable for the making of gates upon the highway through his land and allowance for the loss of Richard Coys rate. So there remains to be paid to the town treasurer forthwith two pounds ten shillings.

As witness his hand Zacheus Goldsmith

Ordered that the town treasurer shall pay to Mr. Hull 5 shillings for his sons John's head, which he paid rates for after he went to sea and never came home and ten shillings for his own head rate the last year, he having been gone about two years.

At a meeting of the selectmen Oct 1st 1705.
Then made a tax on poles and estates to the sum of 33 pounds, two Shillings and two pence; to pay the county treasurer forty eight shillings and six pence according to

warrant and to the town treasurer thirty pound Eleven Shilling and six pence at or before the last day of October Instant to satisfy the town debts. ordered the town treasurer to pay Lieut John Porter 2:10:00 which is in Zacheus Goldsmits hands.
Then ordered that the town treasurer shall make payment eight Shillings and four pence to Thomas Fisk Senr for paper and writing.
Then reconed with our land lord Symonds for Ringing the bell and for Selectmens expenses in full 3:7:4:
At a meeting of the selectmen Nov. 5th 1705 Then made a tax upon poles and Estates to pay our Ministers Salery amounting to 1:2:5 and divided it to the constables by warrant to collect and make payment to mr. gerrish 60 pound with the wood, acording to our towns engagement and to him 4 for abatement of his county tax, and the remainder is allowed for the collecting of the whole rate.
Then gave an order to Lieut John Porter to receive of the town treasurer four pound five shillings being the remainder of the money due to him for the bell.
Nov 6th 1706 then accounted with the selectmen and I have received the above 4:5:0: in full

I say received John Porter.

Allso gave an order to our landlord Symonds to recover of the town treasurer 3:7:4: due to him upon a ballance above written.
Dec 14th 1705 At a meeting of the Selectmen gave out an order to Deacon Fisk to receive $8^{£}$ of the town treasurer for his sevices this year at the General Court.

March 15 1705 then upon reckoning betwen the selectmen and Robert Symonds Sen and uppon the ballance upon accounts due him $17^{s}:6^{d}$
Then made up an account with John Perkins late town treasurer and aquited him of his treasurship and he gave us an account of 2:16:0 which he hath paid Mr. Thomas Patch upon an order which he received of the selectmen, dated Nov 22 1704 for five pound ten shilling,

At a commoners meeting March 26 1705

Voted that the town clerk do enter the several lots of commons which are all ready divided as they are drawn by lot.

Voted that there shall be a commoners meeting at the meeting house the third monday in May next ensueing at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

March 20th 1705 at a meeting of the Selectmen, they then determined that every propritor at the west end of our town upon whose land the Selectmen laid out a highway oct 31st last past every such propritor shall not be obliged to make and keep an open highway but to have and keep such gates upon said highway as the said selectmen shall think meet to pay them for.

Then laid out to Samuel Fisk Senr, a parcel of land containing one acre and one quarter joining to land of Lieut Porter six rods wide from his own land and upon his own land 42 poles, and upon this land then laid out to N^{n} Fairfield two poles wide on the easterly end, and by Wm. Fairfield land then laid 42 poles easterly.

Allso then laid out to William Fairfield upon the agreement about the highway with the Selectmen on Oct 31st 1704 (then laid out) and allso another highway which the selectmen on the 20th of March 1704 have now staked out — Viz from said fairfield gate near his Barn 15 poles in breadth from said gate along by his now field fence untill it commeth to Capt Thomas Fisks land toward Wenham causeway and upon the account of his acre of swamp which is due to him, in consideration of all the above said premises, the Selectmen laid out to him to his full satisfaction four acres and 105 poles of common land, bounded northerly by Lieut Porters land 14 poles and one quarter upon a square line and Southerly upon John Herricks Fence 26 poles and 1-2 and lyeth joining to said Samuel Fisks land Northerly.

Allso to Ensign Samuel Kemball and John Gott to each of them two acres being laid out together, bounded by Richard Obears fence 32 poles in length and 20 poles in breadth. from said Obers fence joining upon John Herricks fence said parcel of land being twenty poles in breadth at each End and 32 poles long acording to the several bound Marks. Allso then laid out to John Leach four acres on the westerly side of the above said four acres bounded by John Herricks fence 20 poles being in

the same form in which the abovesaid 4 acres is laid.

At a meeting of the selectmen, March 1705. Then laid out and staked out a highway at the west end of our town, beginning at the highway which the Selectmen laid out Oct last 1704 near Theophilus Rix his house, through his pasture to his gate near John Sewards house and from thence as the high way goeth to Beverly line, one pole and one half wide to be a passage for people as they shall have ocasion to pas, but not to be an open way, but the propritors are to hang convenient gates from time to time.

March 1705 the selectmen then laid out to thomas kimball sen three acres and twenty four poles of common land in full satisfaction for his damage by a highway laid out by the selectmen upon his land. Northerly from Ensign Kimballs and John Gotts 4 acres and from thence running 42 poles, bounded by Mr. Obers fence and 12 poles wide at each end. Allso then laid out to Ephraim Kimball one acre and one half on the west side of Thomas Kimballs lott above said 42 poles in lenth and 6 poles in breadth at both ends.

Allso then laid out to Caleb Kimball one and one half acre on the west side of Ephraim Kimballs lot above said being 6 poles wide at each end

Allso then laid out to Theophilus Rix four acres bounded by Caleb Kimball lot easterly 40 poles and Southerly by Goodman Leaches lott sixteen poles and also 16 poles wide at the northerly end.

Due to the town from Zacheus Goldsmith late Constable three pounds eight shillings and eleven pence. which is ordered to be paid to the town Treasurer April 20th 1705 then ordered to the town treasurer to pay to Deacon Fisk for his services at General Court as Representative five pounds and sixteen shillings in full.

Allso ordered 14 shillings to be paid to Theophilus Rix for the use of Alexander Maxy for rent of his house for Henry More.

Allso then ordered to be paid to N^{n} rogers in full of all accounts twenty four shillings and agreed with him to keep School in our town.

At a meeting of the selectmen April 20th 1705. made a full reckoning with Mr. Thomas Patch upon the accounts of his services at General court and for rent of the land due to the town according to eight shillings pr year for town land which he hired of the town in january one thousand six hundred and eighty seven, and now upon a true balance there is due to the town twenty and five shillings.

We whose names are underwritten being appointed to renew the bounds between Manchester and Wenham, we met on the twenty fourth day of April 1705 and we then by consent renewed the bounds between our Towns, beginning at a white oak marked with W and M and so went on the lyne and renewed the rest of the bounds, untill we come to a stump with a stake in it and stones about it standing in Ipswich Line called by the name of Dodges Stump.

for Manchester John Knowlton and Aron Bennett

for Wenham Benjamin Edwards and Timothy Patch.

May 10th 1705 — Then we drew a notification to the selectmen of Topsfield to perambulate on the twenty fourth of May current to meet at 10 of the clock in the forenoon at the west end of the Wenham Causeway, if fair weather, but if foul then the next fair day.

Then agreed with Goodman Symonds to keep the pound for one year.

We whose names are underwritten Viz. John Dennis and William Fisk Jun being propritors and partners in common in the first division of common land at the east end of our town and allso in the seventh division in the great swamp do hereby make and declare an exchange of our rights as followeth viz. that the above named John Dennis shall have all right title or interest belonging to said Fisk in the first division at the east end of the town; and that said William fisk shall have all the right title and interest belonging to said Dennis in the seventh division laying in the great swamp. And we the above named Dennis and Fisk do agree to exchange each with the other for ourselves and our heirs our rights in said divi-

sions which we hold in common with several others as by record more fully appears and have and hold by grant of our town bearing date March the 5th and in confirmation of what is above written, we have hereunto set our hands in the day and year above said

John Dennis
William Fisk

Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

We whose names are underwritten being partners in the division of land at the easterly end of the town, called the second division have agreed and divided said land ourselves acording to a grant of our town bearing date march 5th 1705 and the bounds of each persons share are as followeth. Viz to Benjamin Edwards and Mordeca Larcom the one half of said division beginning at a stake and heap of stones which is the northerly corner of said division and is allso the easterly bounds of the first division and from then Southerly across the rocks to a red oak stub marked with stones about it standing by the fence of Samuel Cornings Meadow; and from thence to the Eastward by said cornings meadow fence to a willow bush, thence turning westward to a stake and heap of stones, from thence northerly to a stake an heap of stones about it a little to the South ward of the pond that is to the westward of john coys house, and from Said stake Eastwardly to a great Stump by said Coys hog pen by the highway and from thence northwardly by the highway side to the stake first mentioned. And the other half of said division belongeth to Rice Knowltin, is bounded from a stump standing by John Coys hog pen at the highway side and so by the highway Southerly to a stump with a stake in it at the southerly end of Turnip Bridge which is the corner bounds of said division, and thence on a line to the head of raccoon Meadow and so taking the Edge of the meadow north westwardly untill it cometh to the Willow bush which is said Larcom and said Edwards bound and so it is bounded upon the northwest and thence Northeasterly upon the bounds of said edwards and larcom as they are above expressed. and in confirmation of all that is above written we the above

named have set our hands hereunto this 31st day of May 1706.

Benjamin Edwards
Mordeca W Larcom
his mark

Attest William Fairfield town clerk
May 31st 1706. We the above named Benjamin Edwards and Mordeca Larcom have divided our half of the above mentioned division as it butted and bounded as above said to each of us, our share parted and bounded as followeth. to Benjamin Edwards, his part of the Easterly, and of their above said lots joining to the highway leading to John Coys and goeth on the line between the first and second division untill it cometh to a great Hemlock tree marked on the east side with B E, and on the west side L M and from thence turning Southerly upon a Straight line to a black ash tree marked on four sides and so on a Straight line untill it meeteth with Rice Knowltons bounds line and the remainder of the above said Edwards and Larcoms part of the said division westward of Benjamin Edwards line above mentioned and home to Samuel Cornings meadow according to the bounds above express said Mordeca Larcoms part of the said division. And whereas the town voted that every one should have an equal share, yet the said Benjamin Edwards hath the greatest share, in consideration that the Said Edwards doeth allow the said Larcom a highway over his part of said division for carting or drawing either foward or backward through fence of said Larcom as he shall have occasion to improve his lot and for five pounds in money in hand paid to the said mordeca larcom all which is in full satisfaction and in confirmation of all the above written we have hereunto set our hands the day and year above said.

Benjamin Edwards
Mordica W Larcom
his mark —

Attest William Fairfield town clerk.
at a meeting of the Selectmen Oct 10th 1706 — Then laid out to Deacon James Freind a piece of common land

joining to his own and near Lords Hill in satisfaction for his damage done by laying out a highway over his land to go from Wenham to Beverly where it is now used, and allso for his acre of swamp drew to him by town vote, beginning at Lieut John Porter northeast corner of his 40 acres and so on a Straight line towards the Southwest to a stake at the corner of his fence and then turning upon the fence four poles to a red or black oak tree marked from thence westerly to John Batchelders corner bounds and so bounding southwesterly on said Batchelder and Theophilus Rix 19 poles wide to a stump marked and set about with stones, thence running east twenty seven poles to a stake near his own corner bounds and so including all the common between the bounds above mentioned and his own land containing about five acres be it more or less

Allso then laid out to William Fairfield about one acre and one half of common land adjioining to that which the Selectmen laid him out march 20th 1704, being six poles and 1-4 in breadth. next the Herrick land, and five poles and 3-4 upon a square line at Lieut Porters line which is in Satisfaction to said Fairfield for four pounds five shillings and eight pence paid by said Fairfield to Joseph Batchelder in full satisfaction to said Batchelder for the highway laid over his land by the selectmen Oct 31st 1704 as by the town records may appear. Allso then laid out to Charles Gott Junr. an acre and 23 poles of land adjoining to that which Theophelus Rix had of the town for the highway on the north west side of it and bounded on John Batchelder northward ten poles and one quarter and by the other common land westwardly seventeen poles and Southwardly upon Josiah Hacker, untill it cometh to Goodman Rix's land eleven poles, which land is in satisfaction for goodman Perkins his highway laid out over said Gotts land by the Selectmen April 30th 1706 at a meeting of the selectmen April 30th 1706 then laid outt a highway over land of John Gott Junr to accommodate John Perkins to come to the country road beginning at the country road near said Gott Barn and so along the westerly side of said Gotts Orchard about 14 foot

in breadth, being in the same place as it is now bounded where said Gott and Perkins use the way, they claim as purchased of Mr. John Newman, which goeth from the country road to said Gotts own land, and then one pole in breadth on the easterly side of his land untill it cometh to the land of Capt. Fisk Senr. and then turning upon said Gotts land one pole wide over to goodman Perkins his own land, which way so staked and paid for is only for the particular use of said Perkins and his successors useing of that living and passing through gates or bars where there is occasion for fencing the fee simple of the land remains in said Gott as it did before. Paid for and satisfaction taken by mutual consent as witness our hands.

James Freind
William Fairfield
Thomas Kimball
John Gott

charles gott junr. selectmen

We whose names are underwritten being propritors in the division in our commons settlements both at the east end of our town and allso in that in our great swamp. Viz Joh Barr in the first division in the great swamp and Josiah Hacker in the first division of land so called in the neck. We the above mentioned have mutually agreed for our selves and for our heirs and do hereby make and exchange of our above said rights each with the other that is to say, all the right title or interest does belong to the said John Barr in the first division in said swamp shall belong to said hacker, and all the right title or interest which does belong to Josiah Hacker in the first division at the east on the neck shall of right belong to said John Barr here by we do empower each other as above said to act agree or divide with those who are propritors in said division wherein we have now interested each other as we ourselves might have done and in confirmation of all above written we have hereunto set our hands this 31st day of October 1706

Attest William Fairfield

John — Barr
his mark
Joseph O Hacker
his mark

Pursuant to a grant of our town, bearing date March 5 1705-6 We whose names are underwritten being partners and propritors in common in that division at the east end of our town have mutually agreed and divided said division according to the above said grant as followeth — viz — First to Benjamin Edwards two eights in the right of John Dennis adjoining to the second division, being the easterly side of said first division laying the whole length of said Edwards his land of said second division and 14 pole upon the highway to a stake and heap of stones, and at the Southwesterly end — next the meadow 10 poles and twelve feet in breadth to a stake and heap of stones and so on a straight line to the Stake at the highway before mentioned. The second part to Thomas Edwards one Eighth bounded upon the above said straight line, from which is said Benjamins bounds and 6 poles wide at the highway to a small red Oak tree, marked and at the other end at the meadow 6 poles wide to a stake with stones about it and so on a straight line to the red Oak — The third to Ebenezar Batchelder one eigth bounded upon Thomas Edwards, his above said line and at the highway 6 poles wide to a little birch marked and at the meadow 6 poles wide to a stake and heap of stones, and so on a line to the birch at the highway. The fourth to John Barr one eighth bounded at the highway six poles and eight feet and so on a straight line to a stake at the meadow 6 poles from Ebenezar Batchelders bounds. The fifth to Samuel Kemball Jun– one eighth bounded by the highway seven poles is a stake and heap of stones and so on a line to a stake and heap of stones at the meadow six poles from John Barrs bounds —

The sixth to John Batchelder one eighth, bounded upon the highway seven pole and fourteen feet to a stake and heap of stones and so on a line to the meadow to a stake and heap of stones 6 poles from Samuel Kimball's bounds. The seventh to Isaac Hull one eighth bounded upon the highway ten poles and seven feet wide to a Maple marked, and then turning Southwesterly to the meadow to the corner bounds of said division. As divided to six of the above named, as followeth First to John Batchelder at

the highway seven poles and 12 feet wide to a stake and heap of stones, and so on a straight line to the tree, which is the corner bounds of said division at the meadow.
The second to Ebenezar Batchelder, seven poles and 12 foot wide at the highway, and so turning on a line to the above tree, being an angle.
The third to John Barr bounded at the highway seven poles and twelve foot to a stake and heap of stones and so to the abovesaid corner tree on a line —
The 4th to Samuel Kimball at the highway seven poles and 12 foot wide, and so to the above said tree, as the other.
The fifth to Thomas Edwards seven poles and 12 foot at the highway to a stake and heap of stones, and so on a line to the corner tree as the other
The sixth to Isaac Hull at the highway to the corner bounds of said division and so to the other corner tree at the meadow including the rest of said division — And we subscribers have mutually agreed each with the other for our selves and our heirs forever— That it shall be lawful for every one of ourselves or our heirs from time to time forever here after to pass over each others lot or share in said division for the useing and improving of our several shares and to have no other claim or restraint in each others lot or share as it is above divided and bounded. In witness whereof — we have hereunto set our hands this 11th day of November 1706

Ebenezar Batchelder	his
Isaac Hull	Thomas ⟩ Edwards
John Batchelder Jun—	mark
John ∫ Barr	Samuel Kimball
his mark	Benjamin Edwards

Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk
At a meeting of the free holders and commoners of Wenham Nov 19th 1706 being duly warned and notifieid that Joseph Fowler and Zacheus Goldsmith have commenced an action against them at the next inferior court of common pleas to be holden at Salem on the last tuesday of this Instant November and it was then agreed and voted that our said commoners would defend any cause

and to that end made choice of Capt. Thomas Fisk, Lieut John Porter and William Fairfield or any two of them to appear in the said court of common pleas with full power and in the name to answer, defend and act from court to court in their said cause untill the same be ended. Know all men by these presents that whereas the committee in the february the third 1703 did lay out to John Sewart, Theophelus Rix, Jonathan Moulton and John Moulton about 4 acres of swamp according to a grant of the town in that swamp lying between Capt Fisk Farm and Josiah Porters Meadow which swamp layeth in common and undivided amongst them. I the above named John Moulton do hereby acknowledge that for and in consideration of fifteen shillings to me in hand paid by Theophelus Fisk of Wenham the receipt whereof I do acknowledge to have had and received, have sold and set over unto the said Theophelus Fisk and his heirs forever all my rigt and title and interest laying in partnership as aforesaid according to the bounds thereof as they are entered in our town book to him the said Theophelus, to have and to hold, to use, occupy and improve, either divided or undivided as I myself might lawfully do, without any lawful let suit or denial made by me or my heirs or any person from, by, or under me, and in confirmatin of what is above written I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of December in the year of our lord 1706

Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk John Moulton

Know all men by these presents that whereas we the subscribers Thomas Edwards and Tobias Trow both of Wenham have each of us a right laying in common in those divisions wherein we are interested viz. Thomas Edwards in the fourth division in the swamp in the right of William Knowlton and Tobias Trow, in the fifth division at the east end of the town, We the above said persons do hereby make and declare an exchange of our rights each with the other and do hereby for ourselves and our heirs agree each with the other, interchangeably so assign our said rights and interests and that it shall be lawfull for the said Edwards to use and improve and defend with the propritors of said division and that the said Trow

shall have the the same priviledge and power in and with the propritors in the fourth division in the swamp and in confirmation of what is above written we have hereunto set our hands this seventh day of December 1706

Thomas Edwards
Tobias Trow

Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

Caleb Kimball receipt of mr. gerrish, by these presents I do discharge Caleb Kemball for the year 1704 for that part of my rate he was obiged to collect
as witness my hand Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

Joseph Gerrish

At a meeting of the Selectmen April the 30th 1706 Then agreed with Joseph Fowles to keep Henry More and his wife until the first of November next ensueing and to fid them houseroom, firewood, and small beer, and to be paid for his reward by the town, one pound and fifteen shillings, Joseph Fowler

At a town meeting April 30th 1706 Walter Fairfield Chosen Moderator. Deacon Wm Fisk chosen Representative to serve at the general court, Thomas Edwards chosen to serve on grand jury at the superior court at Ipswich. Josiah Herrick and Joshua Wallis chosen to serve on jury of trials.

At a meeting of the selectmen April 30th 1706, Then william rogers Chosen and appointed to keep school in Wenham for the year ensueing. We whose names are underwritten being met together to renew the bounds of our towns to which we belong viz. Wenham and Beverly and have mutually agreed and renewed the several bounds and run the lines thereof. as they stand entered in Wenham town books which are standing bounds between our said towns. witness wereof we have hereunto set our hands this 7th of May 1706

James Freind for Wenham William Fairfield

George Hull, John Trask, Jonathan Raymond selectmen of Beverly
William Dodge
William Woodbery

A true coppy Attest William Fairfield
Town Clerk

At a town meeting legally warned and held at Beverly March the 19th 1706 Geaorge Hull. John Trask. Jonathan Raymond, William Dodge and William Woodbery are chosen selecmen for the year ensueing.

A true coppy out of Beverly town book
Attest William Woodbery
Town Clerk

Attest. A true entry. William Fairfield
Town Clerk

At a legal Town Meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham Aug. the 16th 1706 the question being put to the town whether the selectmen should allow their Representative for sabbath days as allso for such time as he was at home about other business and did not attend at general court, and it was voted in the negative.

Dicon fisks pay as Representative To John Gott Treasurer pay to Deacon William Fisk for his sevices as Representative five pounds and sixteen shillings —
Wenham — dated April 20th 1705

Per order of selectmen Thomas Fisk Town Clerk — Received of John Gott treasurer the five pounds sixteen shillings in this order mentioned. I say received by me in full this 11th day of January 1706. A true entry Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the selectmen Nov 24th 1706 — A country tax being made was committed to Constable william rogers for the paying of the Province treasurer according to his warrant amounting to sixty six pounds fourteen shillings as allso a town rate then made was then committed to him amounting to sixteen pounds sixteen shillings and three pence which together with two pounds three shillings overplus in said country tax for the which he had warrants to collect the whole in both and pay to the town treasurer for defraying the town charges, the whole in both amounting 19 : 00 : 01

Feb. 19 1706-7 At a meeting of the Selectmen — William Rogers is allowed — out of the towns money in his hands for collecting all the rates this year — 1 : 5 : 00.

At a meeting of the selectmen September 24th 1706. A country rate made Augt 2nd and committed to Constable Thomas White to pay the province treasurer according to his Warrant amounting to sixty one pounds, six shillings, as allso a town rate for defraying the town charges with a warrant to coll at the same and pay into the treasurer which town rate amounts to 15 : 00 : 00

Boston, Sept. 6th 1706 Received of Mr. William Dodge, Constable of Wenham twenty three pounds nineteen Shillings and Seven pence in full.

Received for Mr. James Taylor pr John Wheelright

William Fairfield Town Clerk.

Wenham Sept 24th 1706 reconed with Constable William Dodge and received of him the full and just sum of thirty four pounds, eleven Shillings, I say received by me Thomas Fisk town treasurer

Attest William Farfield Town Clerk

Boston may 21st 1705 Received of Mr. Caleb Kimball constable of Wenham twenty nine pounds in full. Received for Mr. James Taylor pr Jeremiah Allen

Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

We whose names are underwritten being appointed by the selectmen of the town of Ipswich and town of Wenham to perambulate and run the line between said towns accordingly met upon May 30th 1706 at the centre tree near the house of Mr. Walter Fairfield and did perambulate and run the line from said tree between Ipswich and Wenham untill we come to the Stump called Dodge Stump which is the end of said line, and we new marked the former marked trees in said line.

for	Mathew Whipple		John Dane
	Isaack Ringe	For	Thomas Kimball
Ipswich	Jonathan Wade	Wenham	Rice Knowlton
	Nathaniel Goodhue		Samuel Porter
	William Giddings		

A true entry Attest William Fairfield

Town Clerk

Mr. Treasurer, please to pay to Deacon William Fisk eight pounds for his sevices at General Court, this year December 14th 1705

received of Thomas fisk, town treasurer pr order of the selectmen the within mentioned eight pounds

Thomas Fisk clk

To Satisfaction I say received this 24th of may 1706

William Fisk

A true Entry William Fairfield. Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen nov 19th 1706 then agreed with Robert Symonds Senr to keep our part of the meeting house and ring the bell tell the twenty third day of next July about which time his year is up with us and to thirty shillings paid him for his sevices by the town.

At a meeting of the selectmen February 19th 1706-7 Samuel Kilham and Thomas Tarbox for their work about the Territ of our Meeting house, and there remains of the three pounds — fifteen shillings still due to them one pound twelve shillings of which one pound and five shillings belongs to the Ipswich men to pay back to our town—

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 4 — 1706. then accounted with Capt. Thomas Fisk as treasurer for the year 1706 and allowed him ten Shillings to pay Abraham Tillson for hanging the bell and there is due to the sum of six shillings. Then allso accounted with william rogers, Constable for What the selectmen have received of him as by orders may appear and we have received for the towns use 17 : 02 : 11.

March 4th 1707 at a General town Meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham, Voted and agreed that our present ministers Salary agreed upon by our town formerly for time to come shall be paid in money except the butter on condition that he does give the town a general acquitance from his beginning with us unto the present day : as a town they are allso now to pay it without his trouble or damage for time to come. know all men by these presents that I do hereby for myself, my heirs executors administrators and assignees forever firmly and absolutely aquit discharge and exonerate the town of Wenham from all former debts dues or demands as they are a town, upon acpt of my yearly salary due to me by formrer contracts or any part thereof, from my beginning with them unto this present day, reserving my right of so much time as

is passed of the present year and in confirmation thereof I have hereunto set my hand dated

March 12th 1706 Joseph Gerrish

it is allso voted that the contribution be received and continued and that the money which is put into the box without being put into papers and the contributors name written thereon and the sum mentioned therein it shall be accounted to the minister a free gift and an overplus.

At a meeting of the Selectmen Dec. 2 — 1706. A town rate made and committed to Constable William Rogers for the payment of our ministers Salary amounting to thirty four pounds, and 4 shillings with warrant anexed. thereunto to collect the same together with fifteen cords — and four feet of wood. As allso then made and committed to Constable Thomas White a list in his ward for performing abovesaid duty — amounting to thirty one pound and one Shilling and 7 pence and twelve cords and three feet of wood with warrant to collect and pay in the same.

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